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TRAFFIC APPEALS BOARD

Decision in hands of College attorney

Officials deny entry, delay appeals meeting

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Last Friday's traffic appeals board meeting was postponed when College officials couldn't show justification why the hearings were closed to a *Chart* reporter.

A ruling is expected to be made before the rescheduled Friday meeting.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said the College was concerned for the privacy of students appealing their parking violations. Tiede and Bob Beeler, Southern's physical plant director, were informed by the reporter that he wouldn't publish any of the students' names, even though Mike Hiestand, a lawyer with the Student Press Law Center, said the names could be printed.

"Once a person is involved in the criminal justice process, the right to privacy goes out of the window," Hiestand said.

Tiede contends the hearings are considered a student disciplinary matter. He said the College's attorney is looking into the matter.

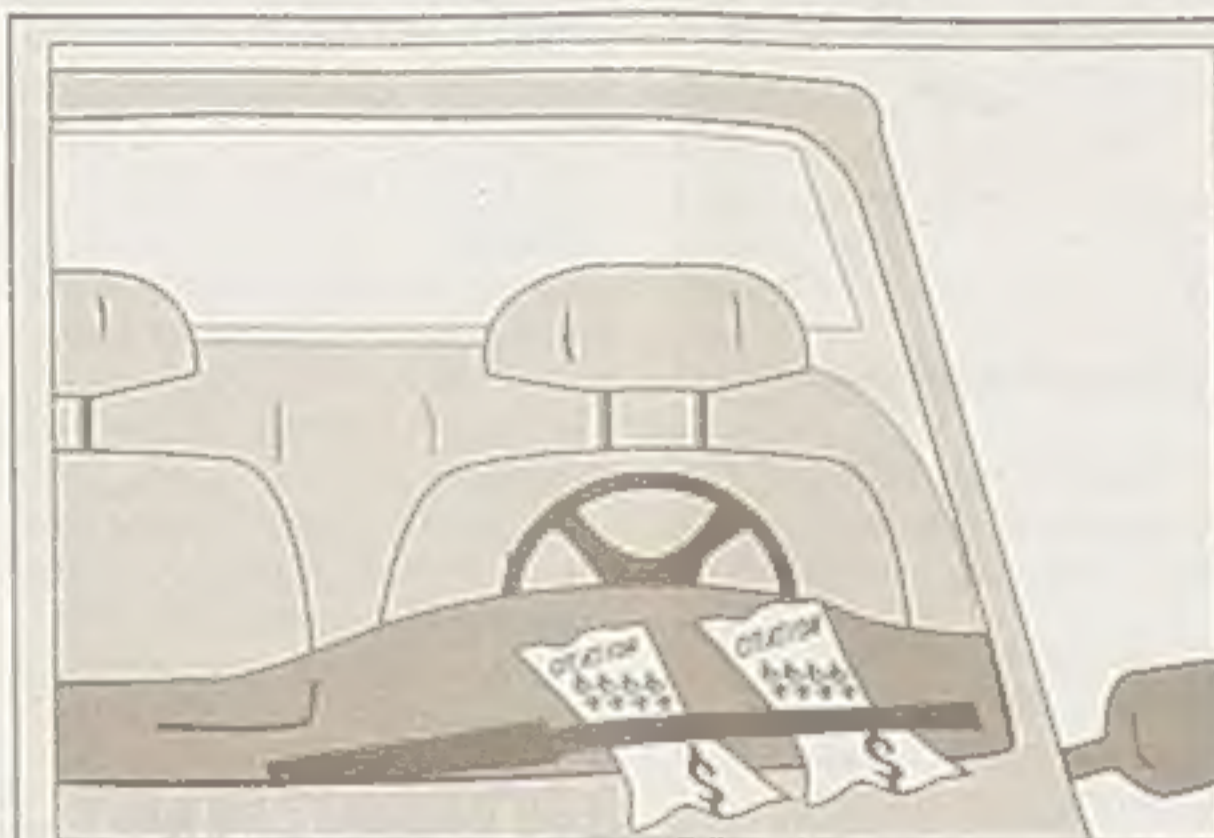
"Basically we're just waiting for word from him," he said.

Tiede said some students could be intimidated by the presence of the press due to certain circumstances they might bring up as an excuse.

"Sometimes people will tell some fairly personal stuff as an excuse," he said.

Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities and a member of the appeals board, said getting the

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"There's no place to park."

Parking tickets issued this fall:

■ Between 1,700 and 1,800

Number of tickets appealed:

■ 110

Appeals granted:

■ 19

Estimated funds raised by the College last year:

■ \$40,000

RYAN BRONSON/The Chart

Parking ticket fines estimated at \$17,000

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Between 1,700 and 1,800 parking violations been issued at Missouri Southern this fall. Of those tickets issued, 110 have been appealed and only 19 of those appeals have been granted.

Total fines issued from parking violations this year is an estimated \$17,000, according to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president at Missouri Southern.

"We consider every appeal carefully," said Dr. William Tannenbaum, assistant professor of history and faculty representative on the appeals board. "We do look at these appeals seriously, but it has to be a legitimate reason to grant the appeal."

And what exactly is a legitimate

appeal? According to Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities and the student services representative on the appeals committee, a good reason for appeal may be the absence of a posted sign or a worn or covered symbol on the ground.

"We won't accept 'There was no place to park. I drove around for 20 minutes and I was late, so I parked there,' I tell all of the freshmen in the summer that they need to leave their house five minutes earlier and park in the stadium lot," Carlisle said. "It takes less than 10 minutes to walk from that lot to Matthews Hall."

The majority of appeals are based on the assertion that there is not enough parking, but Tannenbaum said many Southern students do

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ELECTION '96

Ballot issues often confuse many voters

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Voting is never complete without sweating over the listing of the often-confusing ballot issues.

This year, not including any local ballot measures, Missourians will be faced with a total of seven statewide issues. Probably the hottest topic on any voter's mind when it comes to this crop of measures is Proposition A. This idea was hatched on a nationwide campaign, but it only appears in Missouri as a statewide issue. In Denver, the issue is only citywide.

In essence, Prop A will increase the minimum wage more than 40 percent just in 1997 alone, taking it from \$4.75 to \$6.75. It would raise the minimum wage 25 cents every year until the year 2000, when it would raise only 15 cents and continue that way every year thereafter.

No one in state politics seems to be behind this issue, according to Rep. Gary Burton (R-Joplin). Gov. Mel Carnahan and Lt.

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PUBLIC INFORMATION/Special to The Chart

Comedy icon George Carlin brought his unusual charm and quick wit to the stage at Southern's Taylor Performing Arts Center Sunday.

HALLOWEEN

Is Southern's Taylor stage haunted?

Students sight spectre

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Whatever the reason, every theatre seems to report ghost sightings or some kind of haunting taking place within its melodramatic halls. Taylor Auditorium, on the Missouri Southern campus, is no different.

Several of Southern's theatre majors and some of their instructors have reported ghost sightings and other strange happenings while rehearsing, performing, or otherwise working on one of their productions.

Samantha Perry, a freshman theatre major, said she has seen the ghost the students call the "dark lady."

"We had an instance during a children's show, where a fly (equipment suspended above the stage for hoisting up and flying props) was almost dropped on our heads," Perry said. "Nobody has ever been hurt, at least not that I know of."

IN THE SPOTLIGHT

GHOULS, GOBLINS and GHOST STORIES

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The closest I ever came was when a glass decanter blew off a table during *Camelot*.

Though Perry claims she has seen the ghost, she wouldn't give a description of it. "I don't want to make her out to be this big, hulky thing in the theatre," she said.

Brandon Davidson, senior theatre major, has never seen the ghost, but he says he has had an encounter with her.

"It was my freshman year, the first play I

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- Amendment No. 7
Would create a "Budget Substitution Fund" in the state treasury
- Amendment No. 6
Allow municipalities to use reserve funds
- Proposition No. 5
Create a Missouri State Department of Aging
- Proposition No. 3
Establish fund for a "Families Maintenance Reserve Fund"

Gov. Roger Wilson both signed petitions to put the issue on the ballot, but both have since come out against the idea.

As of Oct. 1, the federal minimum wage level increased 50 cents, from \$4.25 to the current \$4.75.

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JOPLIN POLICE DEPARTMENT

Fastrip murder near campus still unsolved after 5 years

Investigators' search leaves no viable leads to killer's path

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Five years after the mysterious homicide of a Fastrip employee, Joplin Police Department investigators are still searching for leads in a crime that took place just yards away from Missouri Southern.

On Oct. 2, 1991, police found Lucinda J. Adams, 38, dead in the office area of the Fastrip store at

1204 W. Duquesne. After an autopsy, police said she apparently died from a gunshot wound to the heart around 2 a.m. that night.

In a story published in the Feb. 6, 1992, issue of *The Chart*, Joplin police Sgt. Terry Foulkess said the investigation had reached a standstill. In early January 1992, Joplin police filed a report with the Violent Criminal Apprehension Program (VICAP) at the National Center for the Analysis of Violent Crime at FBI headquarters in Quantico, Va.

Now five years later, Joplin police Sgt. Keith

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FILE PHOTO

Sgt. Greg Francis, of the Joplin Police Department, stands guard at Fastrip, where Lucinda Adams was killed Oct. 2, 1991.

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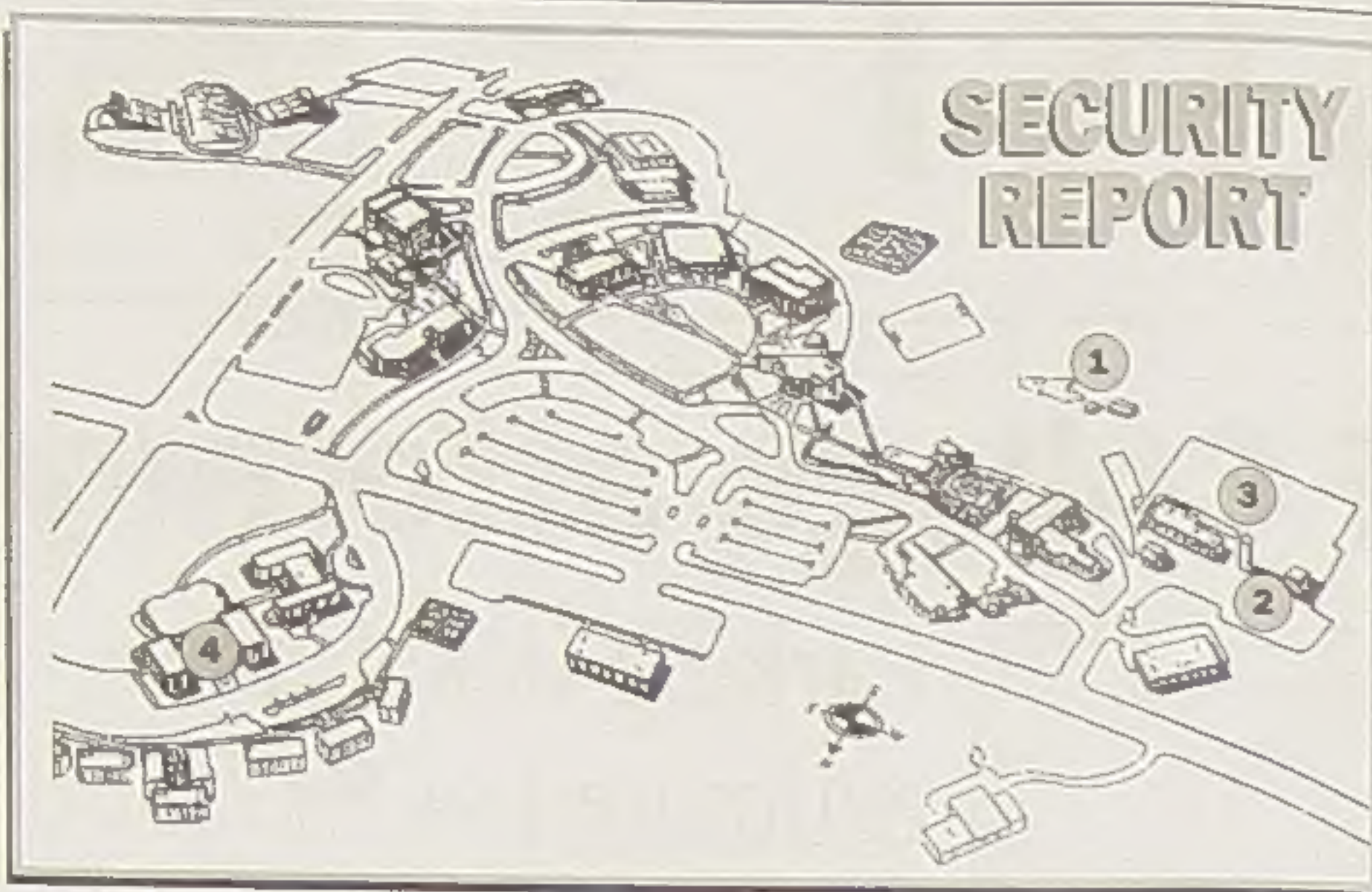
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SECURITY REPORT

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| 1 | 10/28/96 | BIOLOGY POND | 3:30 p.m. | Al Wood, a member of the College's grounds crew, discovered a green seven-speed Diamondback bicycle south of the Biology Pond. The bicycle was transported to the physical plant and stored. |
| 2 | 10/28/96 | LOT 38 | 2 p.m. | Campus security responded to the Allied Health Center in response to reports that several vehicles parked on the southwest corner of the lot had been vandalized. The vehicles had key scratches along their sides. There are no suspects at this time. |
| 3 | 10/29/96 | LOT 34 | 1:30 p.m. | Cary McHugh, senior management major, reported that his 1986 Chevy Z-28 had been sideswiped along the driver's side door as it was parked in the lot behind the physical plant. |
| 4 | 10/30/96 | BLAINE HALL | 8:20 a.m. | Custodian Jim Worberger notified campus security of property damage in Blaine Hall consisting of two stair treads on the south end of the third floor and a restroom stall door found in the north end of the hallway. Toilet paper was also strung throughout the hallway. |

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SCHOOL OF BUSINESS

College to work with UMKC

Students could receive master's in accounting

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

In 1992, the Missouri legislature increased the number of hours required to take the certified public accountant examination from 120 to 150, prompting Missouri Southern to begin preparation for a master's degree in accounting.

Due to changes of opinion within the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE), Southern has taken a new route to offer the master's degree.

"After some time, it became clear that [Dr.] Kala Stroup [commissioner for higher education] simply does not believe more master's degrees really suit Missouri's

needs," said Dr. James Shaver, professor of business. "Basically, she said that we need to join with some other institution that already offers a master's degree in accounting."

The original legislation contained a rider on the bill that said Missouri Western State College, Southern's sister school, would be allowed to offer master's degrees. A committee from Southern was appointed to work on a proposal to present to the CBHE.

"The committee, which consisted of faculty members from the business, accounting, communications, and social science departments, worked for about two years on a proposal to present to the Board," said Jim Gray, dean of the school of business.

"Then we began to see a change in the CBHE's philosophy of not wanting duplication of degrees."

The school of business began looking into the possibility of joining with a school that already offered a master's degree in

accounting. Gray approached the University of Missouri-Kansas City with the proposition of joining programs for several reasons.

"First, I knew some of the faculty from UMKC," Gray said.

"My son received his master's from the accounting department there. We also knew that the nursing department was already doing this (cooperating for a master's degree) and the equipment and technology was already here."

UMKC liked the idea of offering the master's degree at Southern, and both institutions are anxious to put the proposal into action.

"They (UMKC) were very interested in this partnership," Gray said.

"This is in their ballpark now, and we will have to go to the Board through them."

If the proposal goes to the CBHE as expected and there are no problems, the master's program could be implemented as early as the fall of 1997. □

HOMICIDE: JPD has exhausted all viable leads

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Meyer, who has been on the force for 10 years, said the case is open but no sufficient leads have been found.

Meyer said assistance from the FBI has been minimal, mainly in dealing with filing reports as a VICAP search, not in the actual homicide investigation.

"When you get into this type of case, you get tons of leads," he said.

"You get peripheral suspects, but it was never anything much to put a handle on."

Meyer said no viable suspects have been found, but the case will remain open until it is solved.

"We have no viable leads that we can follow at this point," he said.

"All of our leads have been exhausted."

Meyer said the store's hidden cameras inexplicably failed the night of the murder.

"They had a video recorder there, but I am not sure what the whole situation is," he said.

"What I do know is that the video machine was not working at the time of the crime." □

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STUDENT SENATE

Roll call vote removes hats

Body agrees to discard caps during business meetings

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

No longer will Missouri Southern student senators be able to rouse themselves from their slumber before a meeting and throw on a cap to cover their tussled locks.

As of Wednesday night's meeting, a roll call vote ended the era of hat wear at Student Senate meetings.

From the point of roll call until adjournment, senators can no longer wear hats.

"We're a professional group, and we should look professional," said Josh Phillips, Senate treasurer and the motion's sponsor.

At first a voice vote only confused the matter, until Alan Brady, senior senator, asked for a roll call vote.

Voting "yes" meant to keep the hats, voting

"no" meant losing the hats. A slim "no" vote carried the measure. Jason Talley, junior senator, abstained from the voting.

Some senators were noticeably unhappy with the rule and refused to abide by it until the next meeting.

The Senate also put the burden of providing the body with allocation information onto the groups who were requesting allocations. Phillips reported that since March, the Senate had spent more than \$160 on copies.

The treasurer opened discussion with the Senate about the situation, and after a few minutes of talk, the group decided to make the requesting organizations furnish 45 copies of their request for the Senate, at their own cost.

"It could save us a bundle of money," Phillips said. "It would really cut down our costs."

As for clubs and groups lobbying for money and having to spend funds to do so, Phillips said that's part of the game.

"It takes a little money to make some money," he said.

After the College Music Educators National Conference asks the Senate next week for funds, groups will have to come up with their own copies for the Senate.

The second to last club to receive free copies was the Psychology Club, Psi Chi. It requested \$711 for a trip to Lincoln, Neb.

The trip was for a conference where several Southern students will present research they conducted, while other Southern students will watch and observe before they present next year, according to club spokesperson Kimberly Woodard.

"It's a good opportunity to represent Missouri Southern and show what we can do," she said.

Phillips, who is also in charge of the Senate finance committee, said the committee recommended \$700 to be used for the students who wouldn't be presenting. The measure passed.

"They can go and watch as a bridge to their research in the future," Phillips said.

After the Psi Chi allocation, the Senate's treasury balance is \$7,311.71. □

Student Senate FINANCES

CURRENT BALANCE:

\$8501.71

OCT. 30 REQUEST

■ Psychology Club —

Request: \$711.64

Received: \$700

UPCOMING REQUEST

■ CMENC —

Request: \$1,000

Missouri Southern's Student Senate allows clubs and organizations made up of students to request up to \$1,000 to pay for group expenses.

J.L. GRIFFIN/The Chart

SOUTHERN NEWS BRIEFS

Former Mule becomes Southern's new SID

With the former Missouri Southern sports information director already situated into his new job at Central Missouri State University, Southern has wasted little time filling the spot.

Joseph Moore will take over for Dennis Slusher as the new Southern SID on Nov. 15.

Moore comes from North Dakota's Dickinson State University, where he was that school's SID and news bureau manager.

Moore is no stranger to Missouri or Slusher's new school, for that matter.

Moore has earned bachelor's and master's degrees from CMSU.

Moore was formerly an assistant in CMSU's sports information department, and was also the assistant SID at Norfolk (Va.) State University.

In the interim, assistant sports information director Cliff Henry and former Joplin Globe sports editor Wendell Redden handled the office's duties.

Moore's duties at Southern will include coordinating game management of home athletic contests; development of media guides, game programs and other promotional materials; promoting student-athletes for post-season athletic and academic honors; and supervising a staff of student assistants.

"I am looking forward to working with a quality athletic program in what I believe is the finest NCAA Division II conference in the nation," Moore said. □

Christian rockers come for Taylor performance

One of Christian rock's premiere artists will perform a show on the Missouri Southern campus for one night only.

Kathy Troccoli, whose pop hit "Everything Changes" peaked high on the secular charts, has been a longtime favorite with Christian rock fans. She will perform at Taylor Auditorium at 7 p.m. Thursday, Nov. 7.

Troccoli will share the stage with Phillips, Craig & Dean, while opening the show will be Scott Krippayne.

Tickets are available in area Christian bookstores and by calling 1-800-521-0290. Doors open at 6:15 p.m. for the show. □

Griffith headlines forum on women in politics

At this year's annual Helen S. Boylan Symposium on Women in Government, the featured speaker will be Naomi Haines Griffith.

Griffith is a national speaker and consultant on child welfare issues. She will make presentations twice on Tuesday, Nov. 12, one at 11 a.m. and the other at 7 p.m.

The symposium is sponsored by the Helen S. Boylan Foundation and the Missouri Southern social science department.

During an invitation-only awards luncheon at noon, on the day of the presentations, the 1996 Annie Baxter Award will be given to an outstanding woman in government.

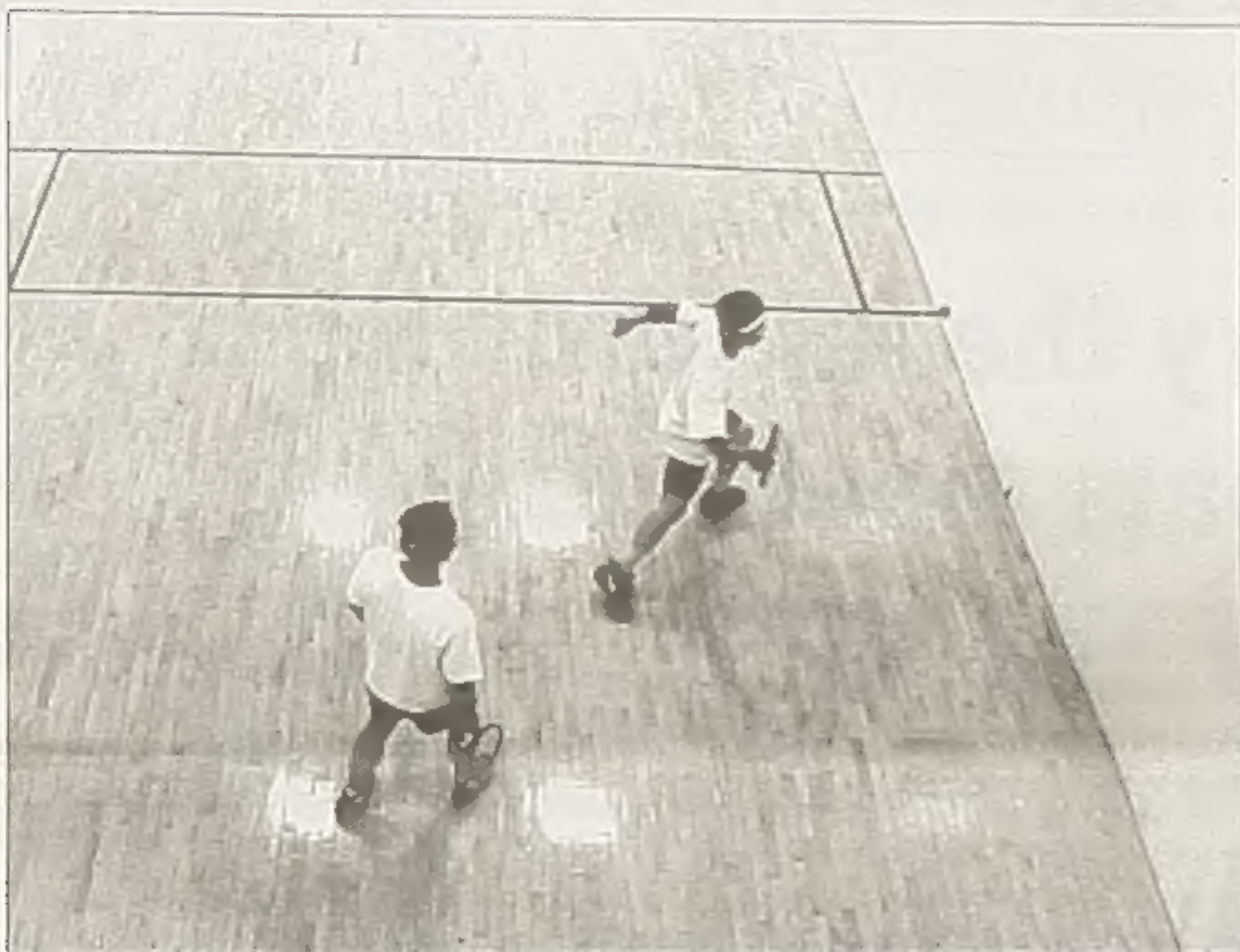
The luncheon is being underwritten by the Empire District Electric Company. The award was created by the foundation and gives special recognition to a woman who has made a significant contribution to the role of women in politics and government.

Griffith has worked in the North Carolina and Alabama child welfare systems from 1966 to 1984, when she became executive director of PACT, a pioneer child abuse prevention agency she helped to found. □



Griffith

BOXED IN



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Joseph Hoang (right), freshman philosophy major, chases down a speeding racquetball as his opponent, Don Nguyen, sophomore computer science major, looks on waiting to attack Hoang's return.

CBHE

Board nixes plans for fire alarm system

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Once again the Coordinating Board for Higher Education (CBHE) has cut proposal requests for funding of a new fire alarm system.

Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, said Missouri Southern has included the request for money to update the College's fire alarms for several years and it is always cut from the CBHE's recommendation to the governor.

"We have even proposed a phase in which we would update some of the systems one year and the rest the next," Tiede said. "That was not accepted either."

Although the current system functions adequately, Bob Beeler, physical plant director, said an update is needed to revitalize the system and make it more efficient.

"We inspect the buildings annually," Beeler said. "All of the alarms meet standard operating procedures and work efficiently, but we are urging for a more modern system."

The present fire alarms are ones that were installed as each building on campus was built. They meet the specifications of the particular time.

"We would like to get a more sophisticated system," Beeler said. "Also, one that meets with the ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) laws."

According to Beeler, one thing that's needed to meet the ADA is some form of visual alarm for students who are hearing impaired.

If a fire broke out on campus, the current system would alert security

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BARN THEATRE

Long wait may soon be over for rebirth of burnt facility

By STEPHANIE WARD
EDUCATION EDITOR

On the night of Nov. 22, 1990, Missouri Southern's Barn Theatre met a flaming fate as it burned to the ground. Shortly after, plans for a new theatre were under way.

"We were hopeful [for construction]," said Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, "but we didn't get any state funding. We've asked again in our state budget request for additional funding [for a new Barn Theatre]."

The Coordinating Board for Higher Education has approved the College's request for \$270,000 to rebuild the Barn Theatre. The CBHE's recommendation goes on to the governor, and ultimately must be approved by the state legislature.

The new theatre was scheduled to be completed by April or May 1997, with construction beginning in July 1996. Because of a lack of funding, the construction had to be put on hold.

"We're waiting patiently," said Dr. Jay

Fields, head of the theatre department.

Tiede said the College still has the money initially raised for a new theatre after the Barn Theatre burned. He said the funds will go toward the 5,800-square-foot new theatre that will be added on to the northeast side of Taylor Auditorium.

"It [the new theatre] will expand our productions," said Parris Smith, a junior communications major who has acted in several plays at Southern. "It will give you a real theatre atmosphere."

Tiede said if the College is granted state funding for the theatre, construction probably would begin in July.

Fields said it is difficult to hold an "intimate" show in the larger Taylor Auditorium. Many times, seats have to be constructed on the stage. With the new addition, Fields said it would be easier to produce shows with the audience close at hand.

He said there are at least 14 weeks in the semester that Taylor Auditorium is closed for play practices. He said a new theatre would help open Taylor to those who also have need of the facility. □



The old Barn Theatre suffered irreparable damage after a fire gutted the interior in 1990.

NCATE

Lack of racial diversity hinders program's accreditation results

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
ASSOCIATE EDITOR

Along with Missouri Southern's certification from the National Council for the Accreditation of Teacher Education (NCATE), a few problems were pointed out to the teacher education department.

One of those problems was labeled "diversity."

According to Dr. Michael Horvath, dean of the school of education, the NCATE committee recommended that Southern's teacher education students have more exposure to cultural diversity.

"We do need to increase our efforts to expose our people to

other races and ethnic groups," Horvath said. "We need to broaden our horizon."

He said nationwide more than one-third of students (kindergarten through grade 12) come from "non-white" backgrounds.

He also said there were two states, California and New Mexico, where less than half of the student population were of non-caucasian descent.

One of the ways Southern is training its education majors is through teacher shadowing projects.

"We take student teachers to Kansas City or Tulsa and let them shadow a teacher in one of the inner-city schools," Horvath said.

"They follow a teacher and get a

chance to work with students. It is a wonderful experience for the student teachers."

"It opens their horizons and shows them how students and teachers interact."

Members of the teacher education program have learned the importance of being aware of the different cultures they will encounter and how to adapt their teaching styles to make them more effective.

"It is important to know about cultural diversity and work with them [the students] because you are in contact with them day in and day out," said Jennifer Doshier, senior elementary education major.

Horvath said the needs of the

regional area as well as the College's international mission have helped in the development of the education curriculum.

He said the Teachers of English Speakers of Other Languages (TESOL) program was a direct result of the mission change. Southern is the only college in Missouri to have an undergraduate TESOL program.

The dean said the program has been a special help in areas such as McDonald County, where the Hispanic population has grown rapidly.

"Many of the children have English as a second language, if they speak English at all," Horvath said.

One class geared to help students learn about diversity is called Modern Grammar.

"The class basically puts you in the shoes of the students and shows you what they go through trying to learn English to a certain extent," Doshier said.

"We guarantee the state of Missouri that any teacher produced here can teach anywhere in Missouri," he said. "We have an obligation to make teachers ready to go anywhere."

Of approximately 1,300 schools teaching education, Southern is one 500 with NCATE accreditation. □

Ronna Sparks, campus editor, contributed to this story.

EDITOR'S COLUMN

College gave me new life, new direction

It's amazing what a difference school can make in a person's life. It certainly has helped me, and I'm not even ready to graduate yet.

Back when I was in high school, I never dreamed I would actually go to college.

I always wanted to go to art school but didn't know how I'd ever do it. When I made the decision to quit school in my senior year, I just figured that was the end of it.



Kevin Coleman
Arts Etc. Editor

That very well could have been the end of it. I joined the carnival and went out to see the world. It was a great job.

I was traveling the country, seeing new places, meeting new people, and getting a paycheck for doing it.

The job was seasonal, of course, but I could usually find something to do in the off-season. I worked as a carry for four years, and, quite likely, would have continued to do so had it not been for an event that changed my life forever.

In October 1978 I was in a serious accident, and my neck was broken. The injury left me paralyzed from the neck down. I was no longer able to perform manual labor.

For the next several years I tried to figure out what I was going to do to make a living.

I thought of opening a bar, or some other kind of small business, but that would require money or collateral I get started.

I had neither.

Finally, after about 12 years of watching the world go by while I sat and vegetated to the point of decay, I met a guy who did computer programming out of his garage.

Curtis thought I had potential and urged me to learn how to use a PC with his help. I then began looking for a way to get financial and personal assistance to enable me to attend college.

It took about three years to convince the right people and organizations that I could be a viable resource to the community, and they would just help me get an education.

It seemed like I had to fight the system every step of the way. But I was thoroughly sick of retirement. I needed a life.

I yearned desperately to free myself of my dependency on other people. In short, I was fighting for my survival and my sanity, and I was determined to win.

In the fall of 1993, I started college. It's still somewhat of a daily struggle to get out and about and try to perform as well as I'd like to, but I know I have to, or I could wind up in a position worse than what I've ever had to endure before.

So, I will keep up the fight, knowing it's worth it.

I have a life again. I feel like I'm doing something worthwhile, and I'm grateful to everyone who has supported me this far. You have made me feel good about myself again.

Some people have told me that they look up to me because they think I don't let my disability get me down and get the best of me.

They say they admire me for my courage and my bravery. They tell me that if the kind of thing that happened to me, happened to them, they wouldn't be able to go on, that they would rather die than live with a disability.

Some have even called me a hero. Well, I don't consider myself a hero. □



OUR EDITORIALS

Unsigned editorials on this page express the opinions of a majority of The Chart editors. Observations elsewhere on the page represent independent viewpoints of columnists, cartoonists, and readers.

Allow us to carry the lantern at parking appeals meetings

Hundreds of students know the horror of approaching their vehicle and seeing the tan slip of paper wedged between the windshield and wiper.

Hundreds more know the trials and tribulations of having to appeal the tan slip that inevitably turns out to be a parking citation from Missouri Southern's campus security.

Last Friday, the College's parking ticket appeals board was scheduled to hold its monthly meeting. However, the meeting was postponed a week when a reporter from *The Chart* refused to leave until someone explained why he wasn't allowed to cover the forum.

The sole purpose of his story was to shine light on the actions of the appeals board. Students have never had much insight as to what actually occurs in these meetings. They have the right to know.

They have the right to know the process and procedure of appearing before the appeals board. They have the right to know how sympathetic the board is toward students with claims of hardship. And they have the right to know why only a few of the appeals are ever overturned.

But the meetings have been closed because the College considers them part of student disciplinary matters. Yet it was not this newspaper's intention to publish any of the names of students appealing the tickets, and that was made clear to College officials.

Lawyers for both sides seem to agree that the matter is a gray area under the Missouri Sunshine Law, but it seems clear there would be no invasion of privacy.

We have had access to campus security reports since 1991 and have exercised extreme caution to not unfairly invade a student's privacy in cases of medical emergencies, domestic disputes, or other personal matters.

The traffic appeals probe was not intended to be some kind of watershed between the newspaper and the College, but merely to enlighten the student body in an area where information was scarce.

It is a newspaper's job to be the lightbearer, to bring forth information to the populous.

This College's symbol is the lantern — Let us carry that lantern. □

YOUR LETTERS

The Chart welcomes letters from readers. Letters must be signed and include a phone number for verification. Letters should be 300 words or fewer. Submit letters to The Chart office on the third floor of Webster Hall, fax them to (417) 625-9742, or send via E-mail. Our E-mail address: TheChart@aol.com. Letters are due by noon Monday for publication in that week's edition.

Not wanting to have children is not 'immature'

Recognizing that you do not want children and taking steps not to have them is one of the most mature decisions any individual can make. Wendy Piper's comments toward Leslie Roberts were completely out of line in her Oct. 24 letter to the editor.

First, bearing children is not a woman's duty. It is wrong of Ms. Piper to assume that all women share the same joys as herself when it comes to being pregnant. My husband and I do not care for children and have no desire to have them. We enjoy our freedom and the opportunities we can explore. Our relationship is very satisfying, and we agree that we are enough for each other. At the same time, we understand that others feel differently.

It is neither immature to have or not to have children. It is immature to want them because one is supposed to have them. Ms. Piper, it appears as if you are more interested in the fantasy of being pregnant. If you work 26 hours a week and are a full-time nursing student, how much time do you have for your children?

Ms. Roberts' decision seems more mature when she states that she will wait until after college to possibly have children.

Second, Ms. Piper's threats to Ms. Roberts about "respecting" those who will "someday care for people like you" is improper. Becoming a nurse does not give you the right to demand respect. Many

nursing professionals, including my husband, have cared for hundreds of individuals. These professionals are not in health care to be respected because they have cared for others, nor do we owe them for their services because we do not have children.

Instead, what you should think about is how many non-childbearing professionals will diligently report to work and cover your shift because you have a sick child at home or cannot find a babysitter several times each year. We won't demand your respect, and you won't owe us a thing.

Lisa M. Ross
Senior psychology major

Graduate happy to find College news on Web

As I was surfing the Internet this week, I was delighted to find the MSSC home page, and even more pleased to discover *The Chart* on the Net. After working on the paper during my years at Missouri

Southern, it was like catching up with an old friend I had not seen in years.

Thanks for providing this service. It's really nice for those of us who've moved away and rarely get back.

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IN PERSPECTIVE

Keep calling: We have all the answers

The lady on the phone was alarmed. She had found a worm-like thing in her child's wading pool. My first thought was to suggest she take her son to the doctor, but as her story unfolded I began to understand.

She explained that she had just purchased the pool, filled it with water, and left it to warm in the noonday sun. The worm, she said, seemed to appear out of nowhere. She described it as dark brown, over a foot long, but not much larger in diameter than dental floss.

After examining the animal, I explained she had encountered a horsehair worm, a parasite of grasshoppers, crickets, and various other insects.

Horsehair worms are harmless to humans and household pets. The name comes not only from their resemblance to the long hairs in a horse's tail, but also to the superstition that worms arise spontaneously from horse hair.

The above account is typical of the dozens of calls we receive each year relating to biology. Many callers, like the lady described above, need help with an animal or plant problem, or want something identified. Others want to make "donations" of various kinds, or have an opinion to express about evolution or animal rights.

I enjoy responding to most of these inquiries. It helps our image in the community, dispels myth and belief in pseudoscience, and provides exceptional opportunities to recruit potential biology majors. Let me describe a few more examples.

We get a lot of calls asking or telling us about snakes. Almost always the caller is certain the snake is poisonous, and almost always it is not. Many assume that any snake in the water is poisonous, but of the several species of water snakes in Missouri, only the cottonmouth is poisonous and it is uncommon in this part of the state.

Juvenile black snakes are among other snakes frequently misidentified. Unlike the uniformly dark adults, young black snakes have distinctive markings vaguely like those of a timber rattlesnake. That color pattern, together with the tendency of black snakes to vibrate their tail, may suggest a rattlesnake to some. I always enjoy snake calls, because it provides an opportunity to explain a little about their natural history and the good they do.

Occasionally someone shares a wolf, panther, or dinosaur story with us. If the caller is convinced that they have a wolf on their back 40, facts do little to dissuade them. The timber wolf was probably extirpated from the midwestern United States by 1900. The red wolf is gone as well, although red wolf genes may remain because of interbreeding with coyote and feral dogs.

I also discount most reports of mountain lion, especially if the caller insists it was black and screamed. Given the abundance of deer in the state and apparently documented sightings in Arkansas, some authorities believe that certain reports of Missouri mountain lions are legitimate, but I'll reserve judgment for the time being.

Occasional callers inquire about fox, bobcat, and other carnivores. Red fox, for example, exist near campus. If you come to school before dawn, you may

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PEEK-A-BOO



Logan Wolfe, 4, takes a peek out the porthole of a pretend spaceship at the Child Development Center. The Center offers daily child care for the children of Missouri Southern students and faculty.

JOHN SMITH/The Chart

ACADEMIC POLICIES COMMITTEE

New minor spans four disciplines

Criteria to consist of core courses in various fields

By SCOTT FRANCIS
STAFF WRITER

In keeping pace with today's increasingly technologically oriented business world, a new proposal is in the works at Missouri Southern: a multimedia minor.

The new minor was proposed by four faculty members spanning various disciplines: Jim Bray, head of the art department; Dr. Brad Kleindl, assistant professor of business; Lyle Mays, associate professor of computer science; and Dr. J.R. Moorman, associate professor of communications.

The multimedia minor is designed to allow students to gain the skills necessary for a career in a variety of fields.

"This minor is an important step not only because of its content, which is a major step forward, but also because it is the first interdisciplinary minor," Moorman said. "It is not a part of any specific department; however,

those with the minor will be advised by the adviser for their major."

The minor will consist of four core courses, one from each of the following areas: business, technology, art/graphic design, and communications.

Students taking the minor will then pick a combination of electives totaling at least 18 hours.

"The core courses are Virtual Marketing (MM 415), Programming I (Comp. 110), Basic Design I (Art 101), and Introduction to Human Communication (Comm. 101). Prerequisites to the minor would include a computer literacy course.

"This minor will benefit Southern students in a number of ways," Kleindl said.

"First of all, it will be teaching talents that are really applicable in today's business world.

"Secondly, this minor will be useful to students from a wide variety of majors and interests; it will be very useful to almost anyone who is interested in being on the cutting edge of the business world."

The minor has been approved by the academic policies committee, Kleindl said.

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Dr. Brad Kleindl
Assistant professor,
business

It still is currently awaiting approval by the Faculty Senate, and should eventually reach the Board of Regents.

"If everything proceeds smoothly, we should see it offered in next fall's [College] catalog," Kleindl said. "It's as if the telephone and the television were invented two years ago.

"People need to learn these things to be competitive. Those who do will be in the forefront of the business world."

NATIONAL LEAGUE FOR NURSING

Evaluation aids nursing program

By AMY DENTNER
STAFF WRITER

Students and faculty in the nursing department recently learned that Missouri Southern's program has been reaccredited by the National League for Nursing following a board of review bearing Oct. 23 in New York.

The nursing program received its initial accreditation in 1988, but it must be reevaluated every eight years.

Dr. Barbara Box, director of nursing, calls this a significant accomplishment for the program.

"The advantage for Southern is we are a small liberal arts college and we're not very well known in the state, let alone nationally," she said.

"By receiving this accreditation, we do achieve a national status within the United States."

According to Rebecca Adams, senior nursing major, accreditation benefits Southern nursing students because it enhances their employment possibilities.

"I am just so ecstatic that we

have an accredited program to graduate from," Adams said.

"As a whole in the profession we all have to practice under certain standards, and this accreditation helps regulate and advance the standards."

"It verifies our other colleagues that we are meeting a certain standard with the program, and it assists students with an upward mobility if they wish to go on to graduate school," Grace Ayton, assistant professor of nursing said.

The department of nursing, school of technology, and College administration were involved in the accreditation process.

First, the nursing department performed a thorough self-evaluation and submitted it to the National League for Nursing's board review.

After receiving the self-evaluation, the board of review sent representatives to confirm the nursing department's findings April 23-26.

These representatives interviewed students as well as faculty, and also consulted community members.

ENGLISH DEPARTMENT

Students view options

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

Four professionals with English degrees and one of the College's current English department standouts joined forces in encouraging students to explore the various opportunities associated with obtaining an English degree during a meeting Wednesday.

Kristy Amundson, who received a B.S.E. in English from the University of South Dakota in 1994, introduced several career fields that require an emphasis in English.

Some of these included book publishing, journalism, and computer-related communications. Amundson is currently career services coordinator at Southern.

Another speaker, Rhonda Barringer, who graduated summa cum laude from Southern in 1994

with a B.S.E. in English, gave credit to Southern and the English department in particular for helping her cultivate the skills which have allowed her to succeed in the job she's chosen.

Barringer is currently working for Telecom as a technical writer.

Jerri Sargent, a 1995 Southern graduate with a B.A. in English, is currently working as an administrative assistant to the director of the Children's Miracle Network.

"You'll be amazed at how many skills you think are worthless become very important in the job market," Sargent said.

"I was glad to hear that there are some exciting careers out there for English majors," Beth Hamilton, junior English major said.

"I was beginning to get a little worried, but this kind of put my mind at ease."

HIGHER EDUCATION BRIEFS

SMSU fall retention rate percentages on the rise

More of last year's freshmen at Southwest Missouri State University have returned to college this year, according to Dr. Mona Casady, the University College associate dean for continuous orientation.

The fall 1996 retention rate (the percentage of fall 1995 freshmen returning to SMSU this fall) was 66.8 percent, up 4.4 from last year and the first upswing in retention since 1989. The retention rate in 1995 was 62.4 percent, the lowest in six years.

"While many factors have contributed to this reversal of the downward trend, one major factor appears to be IDS 110," said Dr. Don Anipoli, vice president of student affairs, referring to the recently required orientation course designed to help incoming freshmen adjust to college life and to learn the skills required to succeed in an environment very different from high school.

"Dr. Casady and her group of IDS 110 faculty have an ongoing mission to assist new students with the successful transition to advisement, campus information, academic requirements, and social life on the SMSU campus."

Retention among first-time freshmen who passed IDS 110 showed even greater improvement: from 71.7 percent in 1995 to 78 percent in 1996, a 6.3 percent rise.

Educational consortium to be held at Northwest

Gov. Mel Carnahan formally signed the Northwest Missouri Educational Consortium agreement during an interactive video conference last week.

Presidents and chancellors of the various colleges and universities included in the consortium also signed the agreement, as well as superintendents of school districts throughout northwest Missouri.

Northwest Missouri State University will be the site of the consortium, which will serve as a model for providing cost-effective post-secondary educational services in northwest Missouri. Missouri Western State College, North Central Missouri College, the University of Missouri, and area vocational technical schools in Chillicothe, Bethany, Brookfield, and Maryville will also be involved.

"This is one of the most positive programs I have seen for cooperation of post-secondary schools," said Dr. Robert Bush, who is coordinating the consortium project at Northwest Missouri State.

Aleen Vogel Wehking named SEMO 'Friend'

The late Aleen Vogel Wehking, a major financial benefactor of Southeast Missouri State University and the person for whom the university's Alumni Center is named, has been selected as the 1996 "Friend of the University."

The award was presented posthumously Saturday by SEMO President Dale Nitzsche. The "Friend of the University" award is the highest honor bestowed by the Southeast Missouri University Foundation.

Wehking never had children, but often referred to SEMO as "my baby." She died in September 1995 at the age of 88.

"Aleen Wehking invested her life," said Jane Stacy, director of alumni development at SEMO. "She had the enthusiasm of which alumni directors dream. She had the dedication which university presidents and development officers dream. She was the embodiment of which every university dreams. And we were lucky enough to be on her dream list."

Wehking received a degree in English and science from SEMO in 1932. She was president of the Tomahawks, the university's first pep squad.

MESSICK: Instructor enjoys many inquiries

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spot one along Newman Road between campus and Florida Street. I'm concerned that the new development along Newman will have adverse effects on what is probably a small population already.

Many callers ask about bats. Some are surprised to learn that on summer evenings you frequently catch glimpses of bats as they pass near street lights. These are probably red bats, which spend the day roosting

among the leaves of trees. I always explain that bats are the only major predator of night-flying insects, and we should be glad they're around. Erecting bat houses is a good idea, and may discourage animals from using sheds or attics as summer quarters.

We even get on-campus calls, mostly for wildlife rescue. We've netted birds in the Billingsly Student Center, identified salamanders from steam tunnels, cornered snakes in

Reynolds Hall, and picked bats off the wall of two or three campus buildings. Last summer I relocated a duck that was hanging around the back door of Taylor Auditorium.

More recently, an interested public has helped document a high incidence of malformed frogs and reproductive problems in various amphibians.

So keep calling us with your nature questions. We'll do our best to find an answer.

HAUNTING: Ghost not afraid of being seen

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was in," he said. "When my scene was over, I had to crawl on the floor along the pit in front of the stage, where the curtain is, so no-one would watch me during the show."

"I was crawling, down by the pit, and part of the curtain in the orchestra pit was open. I was looking down in the pit and there was no kind of a breeze or draft in there, because it was just a pit. This gust of freezing cold air, just freezing cold, just shot right through me...and then it was gone."

Davidson said the incident "freaked me out a little bit." He had never heard of the ghost legend prior to the night.

"I got up and ran," he said. "I ran backstage and [someone said] 'What the hell? What's going on?'" Davidson told Sam Clausen, associate professor of theatre, what had happened.

"He told me about the ghost," Davidson said. "He said, 'She's just letting you know that she's here and that she's watching out for you.'"

There is no concrete evidence to

prove there actually is a ghost in Taylor Auditorium, but a number of people believe at least one or maybe two have chosen to reside in the theatre. Duane Hunt, associate professor of theatre, did not believe in the haunting until just this week.

Hunt came to work earlier than usual one morning. As he rounded the corner at the top of the hall, he saw someone standing near the stage door.

Hunt admits, "Maybe I saw the 'dark lady.' What I saw was dressed in black, and it looked like a woman."

ALARMS: CBHE decides system not needed

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through walkie talkies that are carried at all times. It would also notify computers in the security office and the physical plant, and a red light on top of the Anderson Justice Center would begin to blink.

The last major fire was when the Barn Theatre was destroyed in 1990. The antiquated building was not

linked to the warning system.

In 1992, there was a small fire in Reynolds Hall in one of the chemistry labs. However, the fire safety equipment in the lab was sufficient in putting it out.

Southern's fire alarm system is not linked with the Joplin Fire Department, and even if a new system were installed, a link with the

JFD would not be made. The current system self-tests regularly. If a problem is detected, it sends a warning informing those in the physical plant that something is not right.

"It will let us know if there is any form of malfunction," Becker said. "It gives a warning, not an alarm, so we can keep it in proper working condition."

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10:45 a.m. to 1:15 p.m.—Halloween buffet, BSC, 3rd floor lounge, free to board students, \$4 to others

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.—Kolonia Lunch, basement of Stegge Hall

6 p.m. to 8 p.m.—Residence halls safe Halloween, McCormick Hall

6:30 p.m.—Fellowship of Christian Athletes meeting, BSC, 2nd floor lounge

7 p.m.—Kidsfest Safe Halloween, John Q. Hammonds Convention Center

•Zeta Tau Alpha meeting, Panhellenic room

•Baptist Student Union, Thursday Night Together, BSU Building

7:30 p.m.—Cotton Patch Gospel community concert, Taylor Performing Arts Center, free to students with I.D.

Friday 1

7:15 a.m.—Math Club and Kappa Mu Epsilon meeting, Reynolds Hall, Room 116

Noon—Psychology Club meeting, Taylor Hall, Room 123

Saturday 2

1 p.m.—Football game vs. Truman State at Kirksville, MO

3 p.m.—Live Poets' Society meeting, for more information call 625-9647 or 782-4491

Sunday 3

6 p.m.—Newman Club meeting, St. Peter's Catholic Church, 8th and Pearl

7 p.m.—Sigma Pi meeting, Stegge Hall basement

•Alpha Sigma Alpha meeting, Panhellenic Room

Monday 4

Spring 1997 schedules available, Hearnes Hall, registrar's office

2:15 p.m.—Chi Alpha meeting, BSC, Room 311

7 p.m.—Baptist Student Union Quest Fellowship, Baptist Student Union Building

•Omicron Delta Kappa, BSC, Room 313

•Career Seekers, Joplin Public Library

Tuesday 5

Noon—Latter-Day Saints Student Association meeting, BSC, Room 313

12:20 p.m.—College Republicans meeting, BSC, Room 311

6:30 p.m.—Women for Sobriety meeting, Southwest Institute, 701 S. Byers

7 p.m.—Kolonia main meeting, College Heights Christian Church

Wednesday 6

Deadline to sign up for Intramural volleyball, call 625-9390 for more information

Noon—Baptist Student Union free lunch, Baptist Student Union Building

1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.—Free confidential AIDS testing and counseling, Student Health Center, Kuhn Hall, Room 310, interested students call 625-9323 for an appointment or information, only first name necessary.

FRATERNITY

Silver anniversary

Kappa Alpha Order celebrates 25 years

By KIKI COFFMAN
STAFF WRITER

The Missouri Southern Kappa Alpha Order is celebrating its 25th year, and the group's motto is reflected by its members.

The motto, "Every man must remain a gentleman at all times," was the only rule in a small college run by Gen. Robert E. Lee, who in 1865 inspired the formation of Kappa Alpha.

"In this group the primary goal is to conduct oneself like a gentleman," said two-year member John Weedn.

Weedn says films like *Animal House* starring the late John Belushi have given the public a negative view of fraternities.

"It is about more than partying," Weedn said. "[Kappa Alpha] builds brotherhood."

Brotherhood seems to be a running theme with the organization.

"Brotherhood is a valuable asset in college life," said president Todd Hawkins. "But not only in college life, but for later on as well."

Hawkins said members of the Order remain friends long after leaving college behind.

"We had alumni of Kappa Alpha back about two weeks ago for a banquet and reception celebrating Kappa Alpha's 25 years," Hawkins said.

"It was amazing. These guys were still familiar with each other's lives and what [the alumni] had all been up to."

The 25-year celebration also marks a trend toward more campus involvement for Greek life. This development follows a two-year period of declining interest

in the KA fraternity.

"We had lost our ties with the underclassmen and one day realized there really wasn't anyone new in the group," Hawkins said.

Weedn agreed that hard times had befallen the chapter, but he believes the new popularity the fraternity is enjoying is due to some new young "rogues" in the group.

"These guys [the new Kappa Alpha members] have a lot of great ideas and they are strong members, too," Weedn said.

"I think they helped spark the new interest in Kappa Alpha."

Though older members noted the brotherhood aspect of the Order, newer member Derrick Good found the

values the most intriguing.

"I like the strong moral characteristics found in the group," he said. "I think we are all bound by those rules."

Plans to increase activity with Kappa Alpha's national charity, the Muscular Dystrophy Association, have been discussed, and plans regarding fund-raisers are in works.

But, for the time being, Missouri Southern's chapter of the Kappa Alpha Order is happy to take a breather after a long haul and look into the future.

"I see good things for the group," Weedn said. "I think Kappa Alpha is really growing." □



KAPPA ALPHA ORDER/Special to The Chart

CHEERLEADING



JOHN SMITH/The Chart

Clinic offers learning experience, fun

By SHANDY MCBRIDE
STAFF WRITER

Saturday, the Missouri Southern cheerleading squad held a cheerleading clinic offering instruction on four levels.

The clinic was open to grades first through third, fourth through sixth, junior high and middle school, and high school.

Several of Southern's cheerleaders are also National Cheerleading Association staff, and three are collegiate All-Americans. World-class tumbler Adam Hames was also present to provide instruction.

Linda Lunow, Southern's cheerleading sponsor, said the instructors go into the clinic prepared with a complete outline of what needs to be covered.

"We give the participants as much as they can assimilate," Lunow said. "My cheerleaders work hard. I am very proud of them."

Participants were instructed in cheer, chant, dance, tumbling, and stunting at their appropriate levels.

This year the Southern cheerleaders held a competition for the junior high and high school participants. Joplin Junior High and Miami High School won the competitions, and some of the other participants

received certificates in the other categories like most improved and most spirited.

Last year was the first year this clinic was held.

"Last year we had a huge turnout, but the overall turnout this year was very low," Lunow said. "This was due to improper publicity. If there would have been as many participants as last year, we could have gotten new uniforms, but we do what we can."

Lunow said everyone who was there seemed excited.

"We received a lot of positive feedback," she said. "One of the parents commented on how grateful she was that we held the clinic."

Lunow said the clinic concluded with a halftime performance at the Southern football game Saturday night.

The cost of the clinic was \$35, which included a T-shirt and a set of pompons.

After the expenses of the clinic were covered, the additional money went to the cheerleading fund.

"We have to supplement our budget," Lunow said. "There was enough money raised for our tumbling instruction and gas for the away games, but we're looking forward to a more successful clinic next year."

The clinic will be featured on the "Jon Lantz Show," which airs at 10:30 p.m. Sunday on KSNF-TV. □

HALLOWEEN

RHA offers safe option

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

From spiderwebs to jack-o'-lanterns, McCormick Hall has undergone a transformation from residence hall to Halloween fun-house in the spirit of the spooky holiday.

Safe Halloween is an annual event at which campus residents provide children with an enjoyable holiday and parents with peace of mind.

The event will be held from 8 p.m. to 8 p.m. today at McCormick Hall and is open to children in grades six and under. An area will be set aside for family members of the trick-or-treaters, and refreshments will be provided.

"Parents can feel safe about their children receiving candy from us, and it is a service we all enjoy," said Karen Cameron, staff assistant and senior education major.

To ready for the celebration, residents have decorated most of the doors and hallways in McCormick.

Freshman undecided major Jennifer Kenemer said she is happy to participate in the Halloween festivities.

"We've had a lot of fun decorating for this," Kenemer said, "and I hope it gives the kids a chance to get in out of the bad weather and enjoy the holiday."

Another advantage to this activity is that it gives students who live on campus the chance to celebrate the holiday away from home.

"A lot of the residents are away from their little brothers and sisters and are having to break from their usual holiday traditions," Goodnight said. "This gives them the chance to get involved."

Lesley Admire, freshman elementary education major, says she hopes the event will be a good experience for everyone involved.

"I think it's a fantastic idea," she said. "It keeps the children in a safe environment, and even though I'm away from home I'll get to see all the costumes and pass out candy." □

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MIKE FOX/The Chart

Al Cade, former Missouri Southern assistant football coach, reached his goal to move into the administrative level by becoming the assistant to the dean of the school of education.

Former coach moves into administration

By TRAVIS CAGLE
CHART REPORTER

Goal achievement is a priority with Al Cade, assistant to the dean of the school of education. A second term at Missouri Southern has enabled Cade to reach his goal of being in administration. Originally his goal was to be a head football coach at the college level. Cade, a former assistant football coach at Southern, Northwest Missouri State University, and Mankato State University, is glad to be back in Joplin.

"I think you need some sort of direction," he said. "Goals are very important in life."

Other than his desire to be in administration, his biggest goal in life is to be there for his family. Now that he works regular hours, the extra time is spent with his wife, Dorothy, and daughter, Keisha.

"By being involved with coaching and in athletics you really don't have a lot of free time," he said.

Cade is particularly fond of his parents. Other than Arthur Ashe, they are his biggest heroes. He said his parents were always there for him. Ashe was on the verge of greatness not only in sports but in culture.

"It's amazing what he accomplished in his time here," Cade said. "He placed things into perspective."

Cade's coaching career started as a graduate assistant at Northwest Missouri State. Before his career got rolling he had a shot at professional football, first through a tryout with the Tampa Bay Buccaneers of the NFL, and then with a Canadian Football League team.

Cade went back to Northwest Missouri State for graduate school and became an assistant

football coach. After 15 years and four different schools, Cade is back at Southern but is no longer coaching.

"The thing I'll miss most about coaching is the thrill of the development of an athlete," he said, "all the way through graduation."

Since he has arrived at Southern, Cade has been a busy man. He is implementing a mentor program between students and faculty. Due to his arrival late last summer, he has had trouble making contacts with various instructors. He plans to start the program next semester. Cade is also planning a recruiting trip to Kansas City. He intends to increase Southern's enrollment with more students from that area.

His advice to students is to be involved.

"The more involvement, the more successful you'll be after graduating," he said. "It will help with the adjustment to the real world."

"Don't wait until the last minute to receive help." □

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GHOULS, GOBLINS and GHOST STORIES

Ozarks are packed full of legends

By TERESA BLAND
STAFF WRITER

If you walk across the Devil's Promenade Bridge backwards three times at midnight, you'll see the devil himself.

Paul Foster and James Stoner had heard that legend while growing up in Miami, Okla.

One night in 1976, they decided to determine its veracity.

"We walked across the bridge, but nothing happened," Stoner said. "We got into Paul's car and headed for the old Hoffman Mansion. We were about a mile from the bridge when, all of a sudden, this big, bright, ball of light appeared in the ditch beside us."

He recalled that Foster was driving very fast, but the illuminated sphere stayed alongside the car for several miles before disappearing.

There have been claims of Spook Light sightings in the area near the bridge.

"I've seen the Spook Light many times before, but this didn't look or act like it," Stoner said.

Just north of the bridge is a rocky bluff called Lovers' Leap. It, too, is shrouded in mystery. According to an old Native American tale, a young Quapaw Indian couple fell in love and wanted to get married, but they were from the same clan. The marriage of people within the clans was not permitted since members were often related to each other.

The couple wanted to be together anyway, so their only hope of spending eternity together was to jump off the bluff into the deep waters of Spring River. It is believed that on a quiet moonlit night the young couple can be seen embracing beneath the swirling water.

Some people say the devil had a hand in the deaths of the young Indian couple.

"I don't think they killed themselves," said Gloria Garner of Picher, Okla.

It is said that the devil, in the form of a large snake, lives on a ledge called "Devil's Walk" just under the water near Lovers' Leap. It is from this point that he makes his appearance on the bridge and does his evil deeds. One day, he was baking biscuits, and the water from the river swirled over them causing them to turn to stone. If one of the oval-shaped stones is pried from the walk, an "eye" can be seen.

Many legends, tales, and stories have flourished from that small area of Ottawa County. The old metal and plank-board bridge at Devil's Promenade was replaced four years ago by a new, sturdier, concrete structure. Will the legend still hold for the new bridge as it did for the old?

"After what happened to me, I'm not about to find out," Stoner said. □

The Spook Light is real...

All my life, I've heard about the Spook Light and the legends behind its existence. I have to say I was always reluctant to believe the myths, but recently witnessing the eerie sphere-shaped light with my own eyes made a believer out of me.

On a whim, and since I was supposed to write a story about it, a friend and I decided to drive out to the location the Spook Light frequents near the town of Hornet, Mo., along the Missouri-Oklahoma state line. I didn't actually expect to see the thing. So we started driving toward what seemed to be the end of the earth. Having heard the chilling tales of wandering spirits in search of their wayward heads gave my companion and me a swelling sense of apprehension. We were both nervous and excited at the same time.

We arrived, and began waiting in silence under the cover of darkness off a well-beaten path. Anticipating the arrival of some ghostly phenomenon of old Indian folklore can send a quickening chill down anyone's spine. I shivered at the thought of being in the middle of the woods, in the dark of night, awaiting the unknown. What if we run out of gas? What if the cell phone doesn't work? Talk about goose bumps!

Finally, just as we were about to call it quits and turn for home, people in another car just up the hill waved at us and our journalistic sides took over. We decided to secure an impromptu interview with them.

We climbed out of the car, stepping onto the coarse gravel road in the misty evening air. After exchanging pleasantries, one man who said he had witnessed the light many times described the way it usually appeared. He informed us that the light appeared more often on damp and dreary nights, like this one. One of the spectators said she had lived in the area for 14 years and had yet to witness it.

After meeting up with the other spectators, our fears dis-

sipated. I guess we found a calming strength in numbers.

Eventually, when I was quiet, a strange illumination like the color of candlelight emerged from the darkness, jutting through the brush and undergrowth, over tree and hill, disappearing just as quick and mysterious as it had come.

This phenomenon has mystified area dwellers for generations, and we actually viewed it with our own eyes. My first thought on our trip back home was, "Who is going to believe us?"

Sightings of this mysterious nocturnal apparition have been confirmed as far back as 1886, when the horse and buggy was still the mode of transportation. Many studies and legends have evolved since the first sightings, but no one knows for sure what causes the light to appear. The Spook Light has been known to spook horses and even frighten dwellers from their homes, hence its name.

Supposedly, when all is quiet along Spook Light Road, a

"If people have never seen it they might be frightened by it..."

Ralph Bilke
Vice president,
Bank of Quapaw

ball of light bounces over the countryside, often changing colors and splitting into fragments just before disappearing into the night. There have been

reports of the light passing through cars and appearing outside farm houses in the area.

One of the most famous legends of the Spook Light's existence is a story of forbidden love, and the light is supposedly the spirit of the two Indian lovers who together took their lives to spend eternity together.

Ralph Bilke, vice president of the Bank of Quapaw and landowner in the Spook Light area, said the strange light often starts out as a white ball of light, but may change to red or green, and sometimes "breaks up into several balls of light."

"But as a rule, it's usually white," he said.

Bilke said in the early 1900s his grandparents were approached by the light on their way home from a barn dance while traveling by horse and buggy.

"They were going down the buggy trail out in the brush, and the light lit everything right up," he said.

Bilke's father-in-law and president of the Bank of Quapaw, Joe Smith, said he asked Bilke's grandmother about the experience.

"She said the light was so bright, she could see all of the buttons on her clothes," he said.

Bilke said he has seen the Spook Light quite often, but it does not appear as bright as it did in his grandparents' day.

"If people have never seen it they might be frightened by it, but I've never heard of it causing harm."

Several Missouri Southern students have also witnessed the phenomenon.

"It sort of resembled a beam of light coming toward us," said Josh Foust, freshman undecided major. "It changed colors and came closer to us, then got smaller and smaller, then went away."

Many people believe different legends, and many are still searching for the answers, but the cause of these strange sightings still remains a mystery.

I can't say I believe in all of the legends that accompany the Spook Light, but I do know this — we were privy to an exciting mystical force that few people have the opportunity to view. I don't know what causes it, but I do believe it exists. I don't really care who believes me or who doesn't, because I know what I saw. □

How to get to the Spook Light Kansas

1 inch = 2 miles





DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Norma Jean Warner did not start collecting Halloween paraphernalia until her daughter was a toddler — 17 years ago. Warner, who saw 250 to 300 trick-or-treaters last year, lives at 2202 Arizona, just west of Range Line.

Doubly Decorative

Norma Jean Warner displays 17 years worth of Halloween celebratory relics

By DEBORAH SOLOMON
MANAGING EDITOR

Spooks and spirits are sweeping through the trees, scaring young and old alike. And today, with the arrival of Halloween, goblins and ghouls are gearing up for tricks and treats around town. But how did the holiday originate?

The modern celebration of Halloween is a descendent of the ancient Celtic fire festival called Samhain, the feast of the dead in Pagan and Christian times. It signaled the close of harvest and the initiation of the winter season.

These ancient Celtic practices came to America when the potato crop in Ireland failed. Many of the Irish people, modern-day descendants of the Celts, immigrated to America, bringing with them their folk

practices that are the remnants of the Celtic festival observances.

The act of "trick or treats" came from the belief that chaos reigned during this night; people would engage in horseplay and practical jokes. Many would imitate the fairies and go from house to house begging for treats. Failure to supply the treats would usually result in practical jokes being visited on the owner of the house. Those who were out imitating the fairies would sometimes carry turnips carved to represent faces, hence the origin of the modern Jack-o-lantern.

Today, the celebration of Halloween has taken on new directions.

"When I was young, we didn't really do anything for Halloween," said Norma Jean Warner, a Joplin resident. "I started decorating when my daughter was 3 or 4."

Warner, whose house at 2202 Arizona is lit up every year like a concert hall, has been collecting Halloween decorations for 17 years.

"I still have some from when my daughter was little," she said. "I used to add a few to my collection every year, but this year I only added one, Frankie. My sister sent him to me."

Warner said she used to make the majority of her decorations, such as hoboos and ghosts.

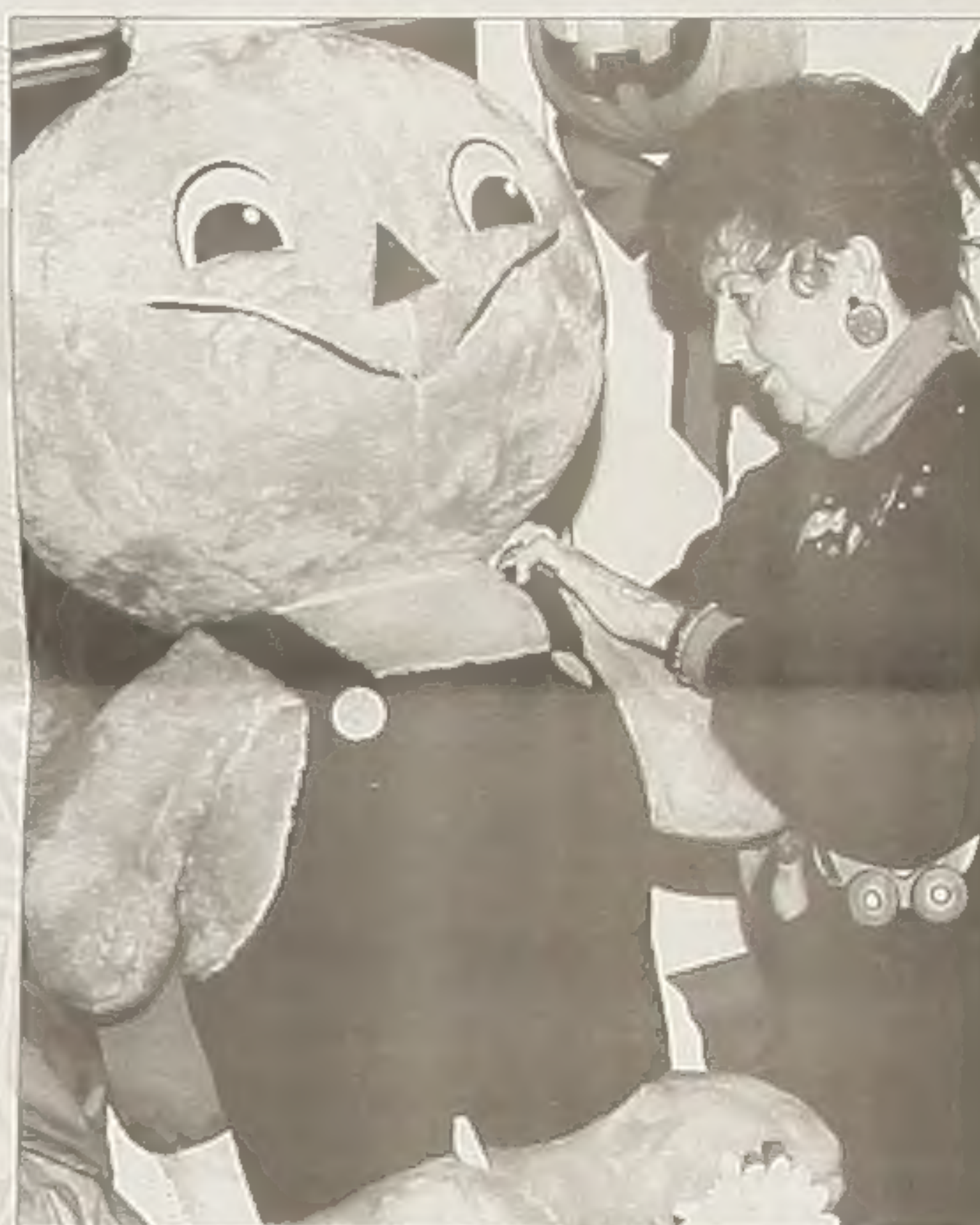
"There weren't very many commercial decorations then; you had to use what you had," she said. "My favorite to make were the hoboos; it was fun to stuff them up."

However, the commercial market for Halloween has reached the level of other holidays. Stores begin selling Halloween paraphernalia around Labor Day. Specialty shops, toy stores, and even florists have specials for Halloween.

Warner's trees are adorned with ghosts, witches, and skeletons. Her yard boasts hay bails, two Frankenskins, several pumpkins, and a witch or two.

"I usually put them up around the fourth of October," she said. "This year I was a little behind and put them out a few at a time."

Warner has had to put some decorations in her garage at night because of theft.



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Warner sets up one of her Halloween relics — a stuffed pumpkin man — at her house.

"Last year they stole about \$200 worth of decorations," she said. "I can't afford to replace them."

Warner sets up her portable adornments in the early evening when she arrives home from work and takes them down about 10:30 p.m.

"The police have been good about patrolling out here; they were very helpful last year," she said.

Warner had around 250 to 300 trick-or-treaters last year. Some people come simply to see her yard.

"I just love seeing all of the children dressed up; they are so cute," she said. "I decorate for every holiday because it keeps me busy. I decorate for Halloween because it is fun." □

"I just love seeing all the children dressed up; they are so cute."

Norma Jean Warner

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DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Warner arranges "Frankie," the only piece she's added to her collection this year.

Instructor remembers playful Barn Theatre entity

By KEVIN COLEMAN
ARTS ETC. EDITOR

Ghosts are no stranger on the Missouri Southern campus, at least not the one Duane Hunt remembers from three decades ago.

"His name was Leo," said Hunt, associate professor of theatre. "I knew Leo in life. He was a worker or maintenance person on the dairy farm that was here before the College. He was simply kept on, as part of the selling argument to buy the land."

"Leo loved the barn. He loved the fact that it had been preserved and turned into a theatre. So he was around all the time. A couple of years after the campus was established he died."

Hunt can only relate what he heard at the time as the cause of Leo's death.

"He was walking out of the cafeteria," Hunt said.

"And he just dropped dead. Instantly."

Two or three weeks after his funeral, the haunting reportedly began.

"We began noticing odd, strange things happening around the Barn [Theatre]," Hunt said. "Lights that we knew were supposed to be turned off were turned on. Sometimes during late-night rehearsals, cast members and the directors would actually see a kind of shadowy form in the light booth, when they knew nobody was up there. Then the lights would all dim, or go out, and then come back on again."

Along with the light shenanigans, Hunt said some students thought they were being watched.

"But there was never anybody they could identify," he said.

Hunt always tried to be the last person, other than the custodian, to leave the Barn Theatre after late-night rehearsals. One night, as he was preparing to

leave, Hunt heard someone call his name from upstairs.

"I went upstairs, and there was nobody there," he said. "I looked all around, and there was nobody there."

Hunt said he then heard a voice call him from downstairs. But when he went back down, there was no one there either.

"There was a front and back entrance to the upstairs," Hunt said. "So I thought it was just possible somebody could be running around and around in here."

"It was about that time the custodian came in, so I told him, 'Larry, somebody's been calling my name.' He laughed and said, 'What's new? I hear that every night.' 'What?' I said. 'They call my name?' 'No,' he told me. 'They call my name.'"

At that point, the two men heard a noise, as

thought something had been dropped upstairs.

"I said, 'Larry, you go up the front way and I'll go up the back way,'" Hunt said. "We figured nobody could pass us."

The two men met each other upstairs. Still, there was no one there. The sound of laughter came from the barn's downstairs, but upon investigation, it was still devoid of human life.

"I've had enough," Hunt said he told his co-worker. "I'm going home and going to bed."

"Good night, Leo," I called. And both of us heard from upstairs, "Good night."

The old Barn Theatre burned down in 1990, but Hunt says the spirit of Leo lives on.

"I understand that sometimes real late at night, by the dark of the moon, there is a tiny glow of light that circles the old (barn) silo...maybe this Halloween night." □



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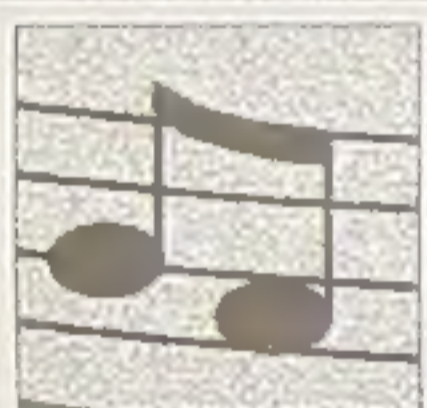


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SOUTHERN SHOWCASE

Slakar's 'The Dreamer' takes best of show

By GINNY DUMOND
STAFF WRITER

Winning "best of show" honors at the 1996 Missouri Southern Showcase came as a big surprise to junior Therese Mlakar.

"I really couldn't believe I won," said Mlakar, a graphic design major. "I'm happy, but shocked."

"The Dreamer," Mlakar's winning entry in the competition, was a kind of art called monotype printmaking.

"To tell the truth, it was one of the few pieces I had matted," she said. "I really like it, but it was just chance that I entered that particular one."

Mlakar said she was pleased she won the printmaking category. "I enjoy printmaking a lot," she said. "I'm happy I have something I really like to do as a representation of my art."

Mlakar, originally from Sweden, has been attending Southern as a foreign exchange student for the past three years. Because of her foreign status, it may be difficult for Mlakar to find employment in the United States, but she said she's going to try.

"I would like to be an art director in an advertising agency," she said. "But I'll just have to wait things out and see what's legal with my student visa."

It's important to Mlakar to stay involved in competitions and to stay up to date on the art world.

"This competition will look really good in my portfolio," she said, "and everything you do counts." □



Therese Mlakar's "The Dreamer," a monotype print, won the "best of show" category in Missouri Southern's Southern Showcase. Mlakar is a junior graphic design major.

Art League announces winners

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Winners of the Southern Showcase art exhibit were announced at noon Sunday. Five awards were given in each of seven categories, and a prize was also given for best of show. Therese Mlakar, junior graphic design major, was awarded \$20 for winning best of show.

"It's (the competition) good to have on your résumé, to enter a contest where people see your work," said Idalie Jansson, senior graphic arts major. "It's nice to show people when you look for a job."

Jansson submitted one photograph to exhibit. She had entered the show in 1994 and won both first and third place.

The first-place winners were Bobbie Snodgrass, ceramics; Gary Crim, drawing; Skila Fiorentino, graphic design; Imma Curl, jewelry; Daniel Scott, painting; Ryan Lauderdale, printmaking/photography; and Aris Gilbert, sculpture. Jacqueline Warren, an instructor from Drury College in Springfield, was the juror who selected the artwork for exhibit and award.

Val Christensen, assistant professor of art, said approximately 35 to 40 people attended the opening of the exhibit.

"Almost everyone found something they liked," he said.

Of the 105 pieces of artwork submitted for exhibit, 80 were chosen.

Nine of the pieces that were on display are to be auctioned off in a silent auction conducted by the Art League. Not all of the students who exhibited art work were art majors. Curl, who won first place in the jewelry competition with her piece titled, "My Messenger & My Keeper," is a junior theatre major.

"We welcome anyone from across campus to participate," Christensen said. "It's difficult for us to communicate that [the competition was not reserved for art majors only] across campus."

Students ranged from freshmen to seniors, and some post-graduates also submitted work.

"Every year is different," Christensen said.

"It is interesting to compare year to year and watch individuals as they mature with their association with the College." □

COMEDY REVIEW



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PUBLIC INFORMATION/Special to The Chart

Carlin brings irreverent humor to Taylor

Controversial remarks
about politics, people, life
keep Joplin laughing

By MICHELLE CONTY
STAFF WRITER

Comedy icon George Carlin's uncharming wit about life, people, and the government gave Missouri Southern students and community residents aches and pains in their stomachs Sunday night. And it wasn't due to the flu.

Carlin's irreverent humor was refreshing.

Instead of spending an evening in some stuffy theater watching a movie and eating stale popcorn, students and the general public were given the opportunity to hear one of the biggest names in comedy perform live in Taylor Auditorium.

His classic wit was more effective in person than on his many HBO specials. His controversial, vulgar remarks about politics, people, and everyday life kept the audience of 1,800 laughing.

Despite having heard part of the performance on HBO specials, I enjoyed Carlin's show. He has the ability to point out the half-thoughts and ignorance in nearly any topic.

The audience enjoyed his performance and gave him a standing ovation. Unfortunately,

he did not give an encore.

I hope the Campus Activities Board brings more entertainment such as this to campus. There was not a bad seat in the house. The sound system was working well, and the on-stage lighting was good. I was surprised to see a few empty seats in the auditorium.

Dennis Blair opened for Carlin. Blair gave a good performance, but it was too short. I could have listened to more of Blair. According to Val Carlisle, coordinator of student activities, Blair might be back for the Spring Fling picnic. Personally, I hope he is. His comedy was lively and entertaining.

Carlin T-shirts, CDs, and cassettes tapes that were on sale in the lobby are on sale in the CAB office until Monday. □

MOVIE REVIEW

IN YOUR EYE Cheesy horror sets mood for Halloween

By CHRIS MORROW
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

It's Halloween, and many of us will rush out to rent a copy of *The Exorcist* in an attempt to put a little fear in our lives, as if this being an election year weren't enough.

If you want to get yourself and your Halloween party guests in the spirit of the ancient holiday but are a little faint of heart, I might suggest checking out a few of these cheeseball horror films. The fact is, these movies are perfect for Halloween parties.

They require only the attention span of a hyperactive 4-year-old chugging a liter bottle of Jolt Cola. Your party goers won't be able to keep from offering their advice to the hero or heroine.

The titles were chosen at random. I walked down the aisles of my favorite movie rental establishment and picked the cheesiest off the shelves. I judged these movies on the following merits. Did the movie have:

1. People (more often than not they were scantily-clad college-age women) being creatively massacred?
2. Horrid performances from actors whose career goal is to star in a Mentos commercial?
3. Ridiculous special effects?
4. Plots so pathetically bizarre that the only terrifying thing about them is that the person who wrote them could conceivably be walking down the street you live on?

Let me assure you, these movies actually can be more terrifying than Jack Nicholson in *The Shining*. Any

fan of quality cinema may have to leave the room. Here are my findings in no particular order. Four stars (★★★★) is the highest possible rating.

1. *Sorority House Massacre* (1986) Dir. Carol Frank — I was totally shocked to find the killer was a psychopath who had escaped from a mental hospital. What an original plot. Take note: the power is out, but the TV works. ★★★
2. *Cheerleader Camp* (1984) Dir. John Quinn — What is more entertaining than a homicidal cheerleader? Some intended humor helps. ★★★★★
3. *Hell Night* (1982) Dir. Tom DeSimone — In a league of its own, this movie features two psycho killers. Linda Blair (the little girl in *The Exorcist*) stars. ★★
4. *The Last Slumber Party* (1987)

Dir. Stephen Tyler — Another escaped mental patient goes on a killing spree. The dream sequences suck worse than expected. The music was performed by Firestryke — now there's a household name. ★

5. *Virgin Among the Living Dead* (early 70s) Dir. Jess Frank — Horrible dub job on the voices. Some kind of Mexican horror movie. This is the worst film I have ever seen. I can't believe anyone would take the time to put this on video. Doesn't deserve ★.

6. *Play Room* (1989) Dir. Manny Coto — This movie actually has a story line. Of course, it's a dull one. The primary villain is a freaky-looking Jim Henson-type creation. ★★

7. *Death Wish Club* (1989) Dir. John Carr — The movie's package calls this one a horror movie. It was in the horror section. Too bad it

wasn't a horror movie. The acting was the only scary aspect of the entire film. One good murder is all it has. This film doesn't even get ★.

8. *Spookies* (1985) Dir. Eugene Joseph, Thomas Doran and Brendan Faulkner — Did this film really need three directors? The sewer creatures made the movie. ★★★★★

9. *Jack-O* (1985) Dir. Steve Laishaw — This isn't *The Great Pumpkin*, *Charlie Brown*. A man with a pumpkin head butchers people. This movie could have been more. ★★

10. *Graveyard Shift* (1990) Dir. Ralph S. Singleton — Sorry, Mr. King, but I was really let down. I am sure the book was better.

A giant bat with a taste for blood puts it in a bunch of late-night factory workers. ★★ □

“ I kept thinking this would be cool... ”

Coffee talk



BRETT DAWSON/The Chariot



The Java House opened its doors in the spring of 1995. The popular coffee shop is located on the corner of 4th and Virginia.



Damon Addleman, an employee of the Java House, located at 201 E. Fourth St., pours cream into a steaming mug of hot coffee.



Minnesota resident Kelley Draeger slips coffee inside the Java House in downtown Joplin. Edibles are also served.

Changing decor gives coffee shop flare

By MICHELLE CONTY

Everything a coffee house should be is the motto for the Java House, one of Joplin's premiere coffee houses.

After visiting Florida and California and frequenting coffee shops in both states, Brook Drumm and Brian Williams decided to open the Java House.

Drumm and his wife, Margie, visited in Florida at the same time Drumm's roommate, Williams, went on his honeymoon in California. When the couples came back, they were discussing the coffee houses they had visited and came up with the idea to open one of their own.

"I kept thinking this would be so cool. Joplin doesn't have anything like this," Drumm said. "I thought this has to be possible."

After six months of research, Drumm and Williams opened the Java House at 201 E. Fourth St. on March 3, 1995.

They used the time between the end of their classes at Ozark Christian College and graduation for the research.

"I've always been kind of an entrepre-

neur at heart," Drumm said.

At first, each put in up to 60 hours a week, operating the business and managing the drinks. Their time decreased after hiring manager J.T. Witcher, who previously worked for Heavenly Espresso, a Java House supplier.

Drumm and Witcher are now taking part-time care of the shop. Williams and his wife have moved to Canada. He is attending graduate school at Regent College in Vancouver, British Columbia, but they remain active with the Java House.

The Java House decor changes every month, as the atmosphere is the most important aspect of any successful business, Drumm said. Each month the artwork is replaced. Local artists are invited to display their work. Some of the artwork that has been displayed has been sold.

Drumm said the Java House does not charge a commission for the sold artwork because the shop "just does it for fun."

"The shop is the artwork doesn't matter," he said. "We decided to display local art when we moved into this location. Some of the artwork has been quite tall."

With the high ceilings and long walls,

the shop is able to accommodate various sizes and shapes of artwork.

"We have displayed all kinds of work," Drumm said. "Paintings, sculptures, it doesn't matter."

Al Lester, a local artist and art teacher at Carl Junction, makes and sells the mugs used at the shop.

The Java House also has one of the few public Internet connections in Joplin.

"It's a trend across the country to have computers in coffee shops," Drumm said.

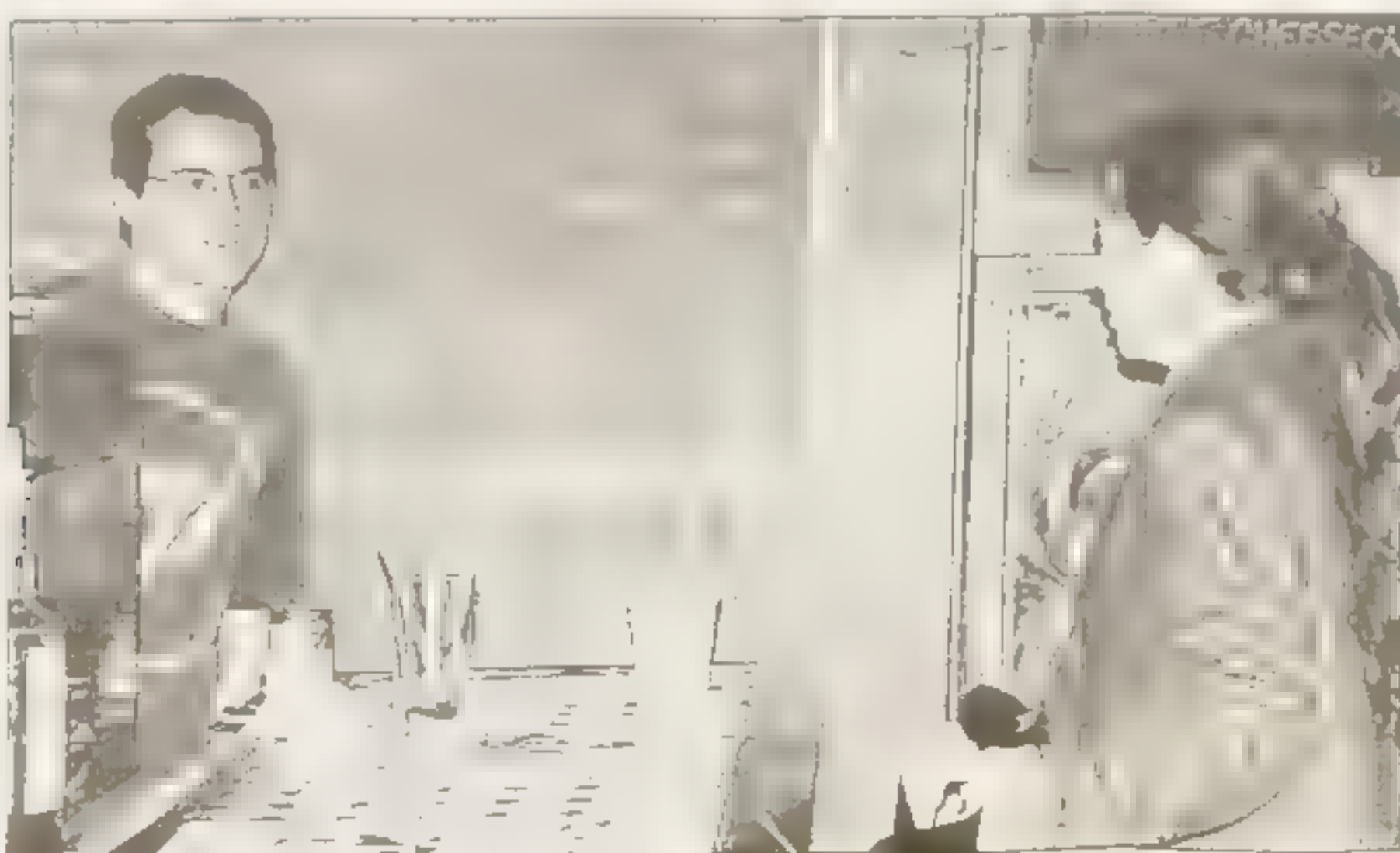
"They are being called cyber cafes."

The owners try to keep the Java House current with other coffee shops across the nation, especially in the larger cities.

"A woman from Seattle came in not long ago," Drumm said, "and she was amazed. She said it was like the coffee shops back home. That nothing in Joplin was like Seattle, but we reminded her of home."

“ A woman from Seattle came in not long ago, and she was amazed. ”

Brook Drumm
Entrepreneur



Java House employee Damon Addleman takes an order from Julie Fannon, a Joplin resident, in front of the shop's chalkboard menu.

BRETT DAWSON/The Chariot



Good conversation while sipping coffee is just one of the many activities the Java House offers its customers as (left to right) Barbara O'Dell, Kelly Draeger, Tom Draeger, and baby Michael O'Dell enjoy their coffee talk Tuesday afternoon.

REGIONAL NEWS BRIEFS

Local spook houses offer terror, fun for all

Joplin High School Project Graduation
Where: 1/2 mile west of Black Cat Road on 7th Street next to Black Cat Auto Salvage.
When: Through Oct. 31, 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Cost: \$5

Haunted Horror
Where: Main Street in Granby
When: Through Oct. 31, 6 p.m. to 10 p.m.
Cost: \$5

Carl Junction High School Project Graduation
Where: Asbury on highway 171
When: Through Oct. 31, dark until everyone has gone through
Cost: \$

Haunted Hollow
Where: 3 miles east of Range Line on 32nd Street
When: Through Nov. 2, week-nights from dark until 10 p.m. and weekends from dark until 1 a.m.
Cost: \$5

Spooky Trails
Where: South Schifferdecker Avenue near 144
When: Through October 31, 7 p.m. to 11 p.m.
Cost: \$6 adults, \$3 children 12 and under □

Radio station adds listeners to payroll

KSYN 92.5 is adding new people all over the area to its payroll, and the beneficiaries don't have to work a minute to collect their pay.

As a promotion to get listeners during its "no-repeat workday," KSYN is paying hourly wages to anyone who calls the station within nine minutes and 25 seconds of hearing his or her name on the air.

"We want people to listen all day every day," said Snyder Jaxon, operations manager for KSYN.

To enter, people can send a fax or letter to the KSYN studio with the vital payroll statistics of name, address, phone number, birthday, and place of employment. Names are then drawn at random and called over the air. Drawings take place at varying times throughout the day.

Contest winners "earn" an average of about \$120. Some have received up to \$260. Hourly wages are \$20 per hour on 15 days except Thursday, when the pay increases to \$30 per hour.

Winners remain on the payroll until a new name is announced and that person calls to claim his or her prize.

"We've got the money, so why not just give away money?" Jaxon asked.

The key to the contest is for people to be listening when their names are called.

"It's a forced listening kind of thing," Jaxon said, smiling.

KSYN has given away \$3,000 so far and is planning to continue the promotion until it has given away \$10,000. The idea came from KSYN general manager Chuck Dunaway, who, according to Jaxon, walked one day and said he gave listeners some money and put them on the payroll.

"And there you go. The rest is history," Jaxon said. □

7 more arrested in mashing investigation

Following recent arrests, the Joplin Police Department continued investigations of illegal activities in city parks. Officers have arrested seven men at McClelland and Wildcat Parks. Mashing is propositioning someone for sexual favors.

Charged with mashing are: Elmer G. Wilkins, 58, Afton, Okla.; Matthew E. Davis, 34, Republic, Mo.; and Terry R. Woods, 35, Joplin. Charged with mashing and indecent exposure are: Kevin W. Forgery, 38, Picher, Okla.; Dale E. Phipps, 44, Joplin; Keith D. Manacka, 36, Joplin; and Lonnie R. Griner, 40, Wyandotte, Okla. □

KIDS' DAY

City offers safe Halloween alternatives

Hammons Center, Mall host activities

By TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

Hosts, Power Rangers, witches, and princesses will be out in force tonight to celebrate Halloween.

Some of the youngsters and their parents may opt for an alternative to door-to-door trick or treating by attending Kids' Day at the John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

"Last year we had about 3,000 children," said Sandie Morgan, director of the Children's Miracle Network and organizer of the

event. "If the weather is poor this year, we will have more kids."

Kids' Day begins at 4 p.m. and will provide for an evening of safe fun with things like face painting, games, candy and refreshments, piñatas, and a costume contest.

"We have a lot of fun Halloween activities planned," Morgan said. "We want to provide a couple of hours of not terribly scary Halloween stuff."

Made possible by donations from area businesses and organizations, the evening is free to area children ages 12 and under, according to Morgan.

"We encourage all kids to come," she said. "A favorite part of the night is always the costume contest. We

see some incredibly ingenious costumes."

Northpark Mall is also an annual gathering place for costumed children in search of candy, said Georgia Turner, marketing director.

"Many of the store merchants dress up and hand out candy," Turner said. "I think anything that can help children be comfortable and safe helps out the parents."

The mall usually has its rush between 4 p.m. and 7 p.m., when workers expect to pass about about 3,000 pounds of candy.

After that, most of the children head on to the festivities at Kids' Day, according to Turner.

The Mac Broadcasting Group and KSNF-TV will be broadcasting from

Kids' Day, and there will be several safety-related bags and handouts available. Other sponsors include Freeman Hospital, Cable.com, Newton County Ambulance, and John Q. Hammons Trade Center.

The event also draws a large number of local volunteers.

"We literally have a couple hundred volunteers," Morgan said. "Many of them come from Missouri Southern."

The Greek system and the Southern baseball team were among the volunteers who made Kids' Day possible eight years ago, said Lee Pound, director of alumni affairs at Southern and former Kids' Day organizer.

"I saw the need for a lot of volun-

teers," Pound said. "And being a Southern grad, the first place I called was Southern and Warren Turner."

Turner, Southern's head baseball coach, said the team has been working Kids' Day since its inception.

"The guys have a good time," Turner said. "We dress up in costumes, and at the end of the evening, we take a team picture."

"The community really seems to come together to make this night possible," Morgan said.

"It's a chance to help the children," Turner said. "Perhaps Turner summed up the success of the mall's involvement and Kids' Day."

"You sure can't beat the weather in here," she said. □

JOPLIN INTERNET

System provides locals with road to the universe

By TAMMY SPICER
STAFF WRITER

The information superhighway now has an on-ramp in Joplin, giving residents and business a new outlet for their products and interests.

About a year and a half ago several business leaders got together and saw a need for a telecommunication system to encourage economic development in Jasper and Newton counties, according to Steve Russell, executive director of Jasper and Newton Information and Communications Systems, Inc. (JANICS).

"We found there were a lot of industries interested in the Internet," Russell said, "and there was no Internet opportunity in Joplin."

The group filed for not-for-profit status and went about finding a home base for its operation.

The only local computer company to respond was ComputerLand of Joplin, according to Russell.

"JANICS is designed for residential use only," he said, "not for business and industry."

"Membership in JANICS is the cheapest Internet access in the world, as far as I know," said Jay Rector, Internet instructor at ComputerLand.

Computer users can also enter the Internet by other commercial services such as CompuServe, America Online, and Prodigy, Rector said.

There are various ways to get information once you get online, and Joplin is no exception.

ComputerLand offers a web site (<http://www.joplin.com>) where browsers can look for classified ads and learn about several Joplin businesses.

"We have all kinds of advertisements available for businesses at all levels of cost," Rector said.

Another Joplin site is sponsored by the Joplin Area Chamber of Commerce (<http://www.joplinecc.org>), where Internet surfers can find data such as location, history, and statistics, Russell said.

The Chamber and the City of Joplin are working together right now trying to build a true Joplin homepage, Russell said.

"It's like doing a paint job on your house; we can live in it, but we want to see changes," Russell said.

The ultimate goal for the collaboration effort between the two is a "virtual city hall" where computer users could go online and accomplish anything that would normally require a trip to one of the various city buildings, according to Russell.

"We want it to be interactive," he said, "where people can actually get a response online."

"It will take a little bit of time and effort. But one of these days, it will all kick in," Russell said. □

CURRENT CONNECTION



Brady Smith, a member of Joplin Jaycees and an 1989 graduate of Joplin High School, gets a shock Monday night in an electric chair at the JHS Project Graduation spook house west of Black Cat Road on Seventh Street. The spook house, which raises money for an after-graduation party, will be open through today from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

FUNDRAISING

Citizens go to jail, raise money for MDA

By BRANDON CAMPBELL
STAFF WRITER

Anyone knowing someone who deserves to be locked up might get help from the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Today the MDA will be holding its fund-raiser "Jail for a Day."

"We will go into Cycle Connection and set up some plastic bars," said Doris Ash, an organizer of the fund-raiser. "Participants who have been preselected will then be sought out. They will be placed behind bars and will have one hour to raise bail."

"Prisoners" raise their bail through collecting donations.

"Individuals can start raising funds beforehand," Ash said. "If bail has not been reached by the time of the lockup, cellular phones will be provided in order to make phone calls."

The cellular phones have been provided by U.S. Cellular.

"MDA has been doing these telethons

for quite a few years," Ash said. "Since 1994 the project has been really escalating."

MDA is responsible for 17 counties in Missouri: Kansas, and Oklahoma. The jails have been set up in several of the counties during different times of the year.

"This gives people a chance to show support for a cause," said Ash. "Free advertising helps, as well as incentives like free jail T-shirts for the participants."

Last year MDA grossed more than \$100,000. The organization hopes to meet or exceed that figure this year.

Jim Willis, Jasper County assessor, has been involved in the "Jail for a Day" for several years.

"As long as I can walk and talk, I plan to help," Willis said.

"I have two healthy children," he explained. "So I feel as long as I'm on the giving end of things I am going to give."

Jailees can be nominated by anyone in the community. But Willis admits, "the best pledges are those with the most

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Doris Ash
Organizer

friends and the most money."

If anyone is interested in seeing the "jail," it will be located today at Cycle Connection. The jail will then be relocating to Independence, Kan., and Miami, Okla., November 7.

NEWTON COUNTY

Store forced to remove adult material

Statute bans display, rental of pornography

By KIM GIBSON
STAFF WRITER

Video Update, a new video rental chain in Joplin, was forced to close its adult movie section due to a Missouri state statute banning the display of pornographic material.

The store opened Sept. 21 and was open for only two weeks before Newton County Sheriff Ronald Doerge visited Video Update to order the business to stop selling the adult materials.

According to Missouri State Statute 573.090, adult video cassettes can be rented but not displayed in a place where minors can see them.

In compliance with the statute,

Video Update had its stock of adult material in a separate, enclosed room. But in 1984, the issue was put on the ballot and the people of Newton County said they did not want pornographic material in stores.

Julie Burton, business manager of Video Update, said it is up to the county's sheriff and the prosecuting attorney to interpret the Missouri state statutes.

"The way they interpret that is that in their opinion the people of Missouri don't want it at all," Burton said. "Fighting it really wasn't worth the hassle. Even if we could get the movies to stay, we would have problems with the people themselves, so we decided it was better to just let it go."

One client of Video Update thought differently and brought in a petition with 300 signatures to keep the movies.

"Which does not necessarily

mean that all 300 of those people wanted to rent them," Burton said. "Those who signed the petition just wanted the 'freedom to do what you want to do,' she said."

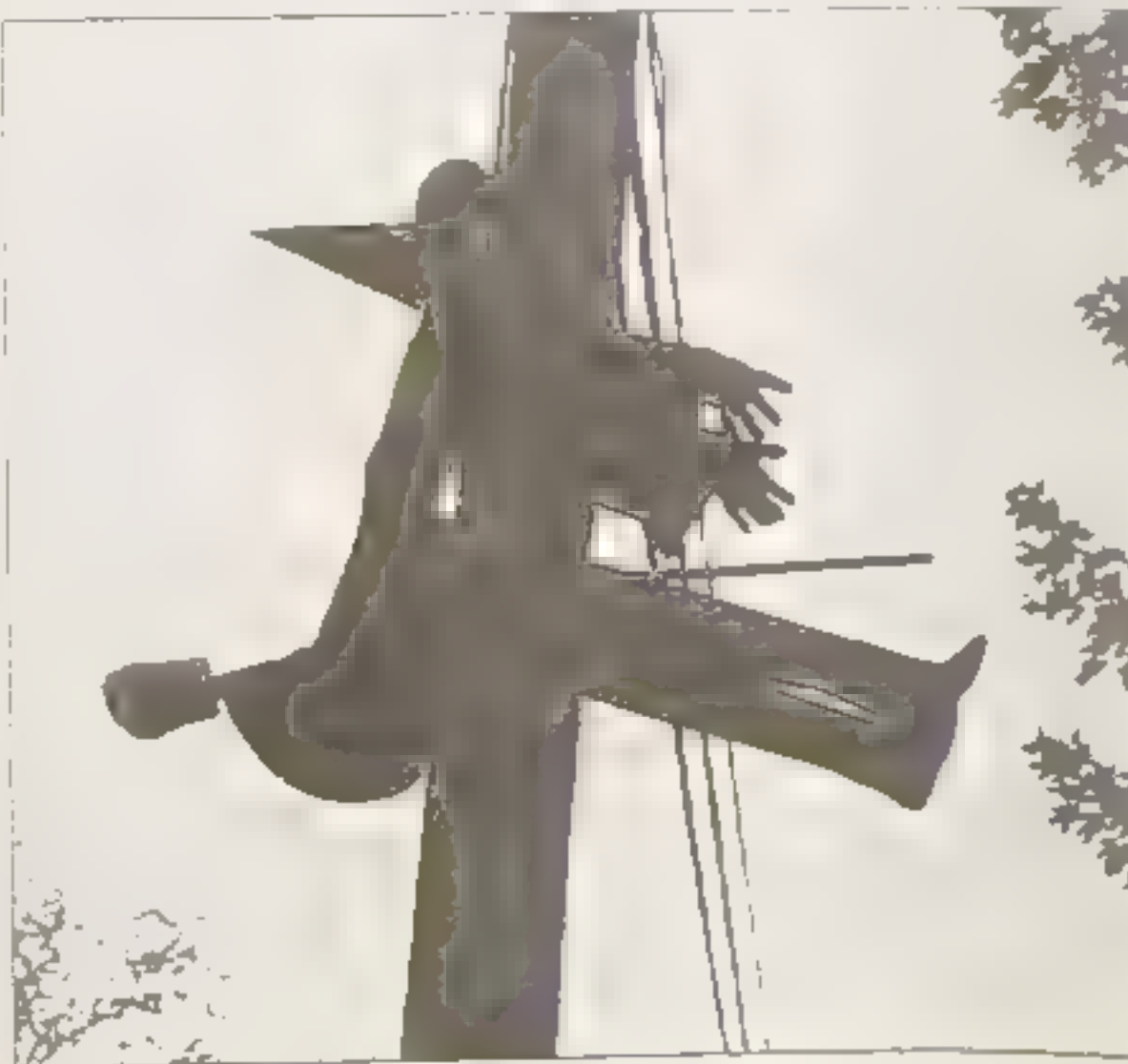
There are other aspects of Video Update that set it aside from other video chains: apart from the once-available adult movie section, Burton said the store operates by five golden rules, one of which says that every person who enters the store is to be greeted.

"No matter what else is being done, you just go out of your way to make sure that the customer gets the personal touch," Burton said.

If the store does not have a particular video, it will special order the movie to rent or to buy.

In the games department, Video Update rents out Sony Playstations and Nintendo 64s. Sony Playstation, Nintendo 64, Super Nintendo, and Sega games are also available. □

FLYING BLIND



This witch appears to have lost her glasses and run into a pole on 13th Street and Duquesne Road. Several of these blind witches have been spotted in Joplin and the surrounding area.

APPEALS: Meetings under scrutiny

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word out to the student body ■ to what constituted a legitimate excuse for breaking a parking rule wasn't a bad idea.

"It couldn't hurt (having the media present)," she said.

"Well, it might go either way — it's kind of an intimidating experience anyway ■ might cut down on the number of appeals."

Carlisle said about one of every seven appeals ■ granted.

The Missouri Sunshine Law reads that any public governmental body is any committee appointed by "a president, chancellor, or any other executive officer of any college or university system," which is supported in whole or in part with state funds.

Tiede, who said he had authorized the forming of the appeals board five or six years ago, would seem to fit the

"any other executive officer" status.

Jean Maneke, a lawyer representing the Missouri Press Association, said a similar situation is currently occurring at the University of Missouri-Columbia. The press there wasn't allowed into ■ meeting because the formation of the board ■ Mizzou could not ■ traced back to the university's chancellor.

"[The state of] Missouri has been a real stickler about that," Maneke said about the letter of the Sunshine Law.

Friday's meeting is scheduled for 2:30 p.m., the same time as last Friday's postponed meeting.

"If there ■ no word from College officials about whether or not a reporter can attend and report on the happenings of the traffic appeals board before ■ next meeting, then *The Chart* will be sending a reporter to the meeting," said Rick Rogers, editor-in-chief of *The Chart*. □

FINES: Appeals must be legitimate

From page 1A

not appreciate the amount of parking that ■ available.

"At most colleges, you are lucky to get a space anywhere close to your class," he said. "When I taught in New York the faculty parking was \$80 per quarter, not semester, and it was still a three-block walk."

To appeal ■ ticket, students can ■ out a form in the business office or campus security office. The appeals board, which consists ■ a faculty member, a student service representative, and a student, meets the last Friday ■ every month.

"You can appeal one ■ two ways," Carlisle said, "a write-in appeal or students can appear before the board."

Carlisle said fewer than half of those who receive tickets request an appeal, and only about half of those who want to appear before the board actually show.

The fine ■ for tickets have gone up this semester. Previously they were \$5 to \$15, but now they run between \$10 and \$25 and they still double after 48 hours. If a student does not fill out

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We won't accept
'There was no place
to park.'

Val Carlisle
Traffic appeals board

the form ■ appeal before the 48-hour deadline, the amount still doubles.

According to Dr. John Tiede, senior vice president, fines were raised after recommendations from security personnel, the faculty welfare committee, and the Student Senate.

"These people expressed the feeling that students did not take the ticketing ■ violations seriously," Tiede said.

According to the business office, approximately \$40,000 has been generated from paid violations during the last year. This money ■ put into a general revenue fund that supports different areas on campus. □

ALL DRESSED UP



The residents of Room 105 ■ Southern's McCormick Hall show off their Halloween spirit ■ preparation for the RHA's Safe Halloween program.

ISSUES: Voters should be aware

From page 1A

In late 1997, the federal government's minimum wage requirements will go up again to \$5.15.

Burton said the money to support Prop A ■ coming from New York and California and ■ being pushed hard by the labor unions. He also said many believe the issue was put on the ballot ■ get the urban vote to the polls as well.

Another issue that has gained considerable attention this year is Amendment No ■ This plan calls for the creation of the Missouri Department of Aging. Currently, there ■ a division of aging within the Department of Social Services.

If passed, the department would gain cabinet status and a director would be appointed by the governor, if the candidate is approved by the Senate. The idea for the department started out as a bill in the House and wound its way onto the ballot when nothing could be decided by the state legislature.

Wilson has been a strong and outspoken proponent for this bill since its inception.

Because the number of Missourians belonging to the "Baby Boom" generation ■ increasingly reaching senior status, Wilson believes in the need for greater access to the governor's ear. The amendment would not increase the number of people working for the department from its current numbers as a division.

Wilson said many services ■ seniors are difficult to find and in different offices. He believes having the department would streamline the needs ■ seniors.

Of the other five issues on the ballot, Amendment No. 3 is the only one that focuses on voters' attention building maintenance. The amendment would create funding for the "Facilities Maintenance Reserve Fund."

The money would ■ to pay for the maintenance, repair, and renovation of state facilities. If passed, the amendment calls for 0.1 percent of the revenue collections from the previous fiscal year to be put in the fund beginning in July. After this July, 1 percent of the state's general revenue would be put into the fund, according to a release from the Missouri House.

Amendment No. 6 would allow municipalities to issue revenue bonds, upon voter approval, for building revenue producing sewer treatment plants. Additionally, it would remove water works from the entire ■ required to be regulated by the Public Service Commission as public utilities. What has been dubbed the "rainy day" fund ■ officially titled Amendment No. ■ on the Missouri ballot. Also, it is referred to ■ the "Budget Stabilization Fund."

It will be stocked with reserves and will be used when revenue projections fall below expectations or ■ case of natural disasters. This fund would be able ■ hold 2.5 percent of the previous year's general revenue total.

Amendment No. ■ would allow the Department of Natural Resources ■ continue ■ collect one-tenth of 1 percent of the sales tax to use as funding for soil and water conservation projects ■ parks for 10 more years than previously allotted. The value ■ estimated ■ \$70 million.

Amendment No. 4 brings up the term limit issue again. This time voters will decide to add whether congressional candidates support a term limit amendment to the U.S. Constitution next to their name on the ballot. Also, it reads that if an incumbent did not support the amendment being sent ■ the states for ratification, a statement saying "disregarded voters' instructions of term limits" would be printed next to the person's name. □

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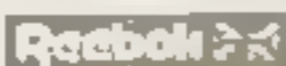
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Who was that man in the mask?

As people everywhere begin to paint their faces and don the assorted costumes of fright and fun, I thought it might be fun to guess what the esteemed coaches of Missouri Southern might wear tonight.

You may think you see Head Coach Hocker, roaming the streets, but in reality the jersey is on loan to head football coach Jon Lantz. With the exciting season his team is having, Lantz may be wishing he could relive his tight-end playing days at Panhandle State (Okla.).

Head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick might be seen as the legendary motivator Lou Holtz, as she tries to ready her team for the stretch run. With three weeks left in the season, Southern is currently ranked sixth in the region. Only the top four make the post-season playoffs.

Don't be too alarmed if you see Bonnie Parker and her partner in crime, Clyde Barrow, around town. It's not the Barrows gang reliving their glory days shootout in Joplin. It's just Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach, and Tom Rudledge, men's cross country coach, attempting to enjoy life in the "fast lane."

Head soccer coach Jim Cook has dyed his beard, added a few pounds, and assumed the role of the late-great radio icon, Wolfman Jack.

Jill Fisher, Lady Lion tennis coach, and Larry Clay, Lion golf coach, might be walking, talking tennis racket and iron in an attempt to grab the attention of Southern faithful.

As the Lady Lion basketball squad prepares for the upcoming season, coach Carrie Kaifes already has been seen in costume. Look around you whenever you hear the macarena and see people lined up to dance. Kaifes, dressed in full pop-culture garb, is probably the person leading this wild and crazy brunch.

Men's head basketball coach Robert Corn could might want to dress as Michael Keaton's "Mr. Mom" character as he tries to bring his young team up to speed with the rest of the MIAA. The Lions have only two returning starters, Mario Phillips and Matt Olsen, and Southern's success will depend on its young players stepping up to fill the holes.

In hopes of guiding his team to the ultimate victory, head baseball coach Warren Turner might don a Yankees jersey and assume the character of Joe Torre. Torre, in his first season at New York, led the Yankees past National League powerhouse Atlanta for the 1996 World Championship.

Pat Lipira, head softball coach, should be given the crown — because she is the queen of softball. Lipira will lead her 1997 team in search of her second national championship.

No matter your garb, have fun, relax, and enjoy the holiday. When the season starts, we all wear our game faces. □

P. Nicholas Parker

FOOTBALL

Southern falls to unbeaten Bearcats

Teale's late strike threatens Lions' MIAA title hopes

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

For one brief moment, Lady Luck seemed to bounce, flip and roll in the Lions' direction midway through the fourth quarter Saturday night.

But just minutes later, Northwest Missouri State senior quarterback Greg Teale changed Lady Luck's flight pattern with a 1-yard touchdown pass to tight end Matt Becker that gave the Bearcats a 35-34 victory over Missouri Southern in Fred G. Hughes Stadium.

The loss not only dropped the Lions from 12th to 19th in the national polls but also sank them from third to fifth in the regional rankings — one back of Pittsburg State, who defeated Emporia State 63-7. The top four teams in each region make the NCAA Division III playoffs.

A pass interference call against Southern's Rob Townsend with Northwest Missouri in a fourth-and-1 situation gave the Bearcats new life and a first down on the Lions' 7-yard line.

That one brief moment of luck for the Lions came earlier in the MIAA game, earlier when sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen teamed up with senior wide receiver Sir Avington for a 64-yard touchdown. Cornelsen scampered 29 yards before being stripped of the ball, only to have it bounce into Avington's hands, who took it the remaining 35 yards for the score and a 34-28 lead.

Northwest Missouri (8-0 overall, 6-0 in the MIAA) head coach Mel Tjeerdema said the key in his team's



DEBORAH SOLOMON/The Chart

Junior running back Jason Friend (31) saw plenty of action in Saturday's 35-34 loss to Northwest Missouri. He finished with 111 yards on the ground.

game-winning drive was a "feeling of poise" in his offense after the Lions' touchdown caused a sudden swing in momentum.

"Our offense just went on the field like they just scored another touchdown," he said. "They acted like it was just no big deal. Both sides of the ball have a lot of respect and confidence in what the other side can do."

Teale finished the game completing 14 of 23 passes for 174 yards and three touchdowns.

"I thought he played his best game of the year, especially in the first half," Tjeerdema said. "I

thought he made some good decisions and made some good plays in the fourth quarter, when the pressure was on, he did what he had to do to get it done."

Even though Teale lifted the Bearcats past Southern with a persistent aerial attack, Lantz still argues that Cornelsen, because of a lack of supporting characters due to injuries, proved he was the best the MIAA has to offer as quarterback.

"I know I may be a little bit biased, but I am telling you Brad Cornelsen should be the first-team all-MIAA quarterback," he said. "I don't care if he is a sophomore or not. Teale

has more to work with out front, on the side, and behind him."

Cornelsen carried the ball 31 times for 163 yards and completed nine of 20 passes for 129 yards.

Because of key injuries to running backs Wallace Clay and Justin Taylor, who was out for the remainder of the season, and wide receiver James Thrash Saturday, Lantz said the Lions' offense could become one-dimensional.

"At times baby, it is a one-man show out there," he said. "You have to take your hat off to the kid. I thought the offensive line also really came back after a disappointing

outing at Pittsburg State."

Lantz said the Lions' play in the second half on both sides of the ball was what he was hoping for in all 60 minutes.

"It was a pretty emotional locker room at halftime," he said. "Not very often does the old coach give it the old 'Win one for the Gipper' speeches; you have to pick those moments. And this was one of those moments I got emotional at halftime."

"We did get the momentum to swing over to our sideline, and we had that for the entire second half, except those final key minutes." □

FOOTBALL

Injury-stricken Southern travels north to face Truman

Conference's No. 2 rusher to test Lions' defensive line

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Even though a 35-34 home loss is crippling enough for most teams heading into next week's game, Missouri Southern's rampant case of injuries to three of its offensive stars could cause havoc in Saturday's 1 p.m. match-up at Truman State University.

Junior fullback Justin Taylor will miss the remainder of the season due to a knee injury sustained in Saturday's loss to Northwest Missouri.

Couple that with junior tailback Wallace Clay's nagging aggravated ankle and the Lions head into Saturday minus its two starting backs. Clay is currently eighth in the MIAA in rushing with 446 yards on 86 carries.

Bruised ribs also caused senior wide receiver James Thrash to miss much of the second half of Saturday game. Thrash leads the MIAA in receiving yards with 499 yards on 32 receptions, an average of 71.3 yards per game.

Southern head coach Jon Lantz said after the dust clears his team will have to regroup and fill the gaps where needed.

"Our seniors have never won at Kirksville," Lantz said. "We just need to continue to improve. Our offense is doing all it can do right now. We have to get better on defense and on special teams play."

If the Lions' injuries weren't enough, the Truman State Bulldogs (4-4 overall, 4-2 in the MIAA) are coming off one of their best offensive performances of the season in a 33-7 drubbing of Missouri Western.

Jarrett Anderson, the conference's second-leading rusher, finished the game with 140 yards on 19 attempts and one touchdown. Anderson is currently averaging 178.3 yards per game and has amassed 1,426 yards on 215 carries this season.

Truman head coach John Ware said even though Anderson is among the rushing elite, the Bulldog offense does not consist of just a rushing game.

"We have some other guys who can be effective also," he said.

"We have come around in the throwing game the past few weeks, so I think we are anything but one-dimensional."

Truman senior quarterback Nate Minnis, who returned to the starting line-up Saturday, made his force known against the Griffons by throwing for 219 yards.

"Nate has had his ups and downs this season, but he has played real well the last couple of games," Ware said.

"And, hopefully, we can keep the trend going here Saturday."

The Lions (5-2 overall, 4-2 MIAA) will counter with sophomore quarterback Brad Cornelsen, who leads the MIAA in passing with 1,242 yards on 80 completions, an average of 146.6 yards per game. Cornelsen also leads the conference in total offensive yards with 1,774. □

THIS WEEK'S GAME

Missouri Southern LIONS vs. Truman State University BULLDOGS

RECORDS: Missouri Southern 5-2 Truman State 4-4
WHEN: Sunday Nov 2 1 p.m.
WHERE: Kirksville, Missouri

SOCCER

John Brown visits in season finale

Lions finish second in conference with final MIAA victory

By DAN WISZKON
STAFF WRITER

Soccer season is winding down with only two games remaining in the 1996 campaign for the Lions.

They will take their 11-3-1 mark into tonight's game against Southern Nazarene University in Bethany, Okla. Head coach Jim Cook believes SNU will provide the Lions with some stiff competition.

"We really have to play well in order to win," he said.

"It's anybody's game because the teams are pretty evenly matched."

Freshman defender Tom Holland believes tonight's non-conference match is an excellent

opportunity to wrap up the year on a positive note.

"It shows that we can still compete hard after a long season," Holland said.

"A win will help us a lot with next year's rankings."

Southern will conclude the season by playing host to John Brown University at 2 p.m. Saturday.

The Lions defeated Southwest Baptist University 4-0 on Oct. 22 in an MIAA match, with all the scoring coming in the second half.

Freshman defender Ryan Sumpter scored at the 51-minute mark on a penalty kick.

Providing the other goals were forwards Ryan Ruper, Jose Suarez, and Scott Sill.

Goalkeepers Chris Lewis and Ben Butler teamed for the shutout, the Lions' fifth this season. Southern outshot the Bearcats 15-5.

The win boosted Southern's

conference record to 3-1 for a second-place finish overall.

"That 2-1 loss to Truman State was the difference," Cook said.

"That's how close the race was," Cook said getting some scoring production from his defenders is important.

Although defense is his first priority, Cook said he was pleased with the offense output from sophomore Adam Bahr and senior captain Ryan Hunt, who ranks second in the MIAA in assists.

"Coach always stresses in practice the need for our defenders to push forward and get involved," Holland said.

Sunday's home game against West Texas A&M was canceled due to inclement weather.

The teams were ready and willing to play anyway, but both coaches eventually decided the risk of injury was too great.

The game will not be rescheduled. □

VOLLEYBALL

Spikers to face Emporia

By P. NICHOLAS PARKER
STAFF WRITER

Winning six of their last seven games, the Lady Lions stand poised to make a move up in the regional polls.

The Lady Lions (15-9 overall, 9-4 MIAA) knocked off the Drury College Panthers (9-20) 3-1 Tuesday night after a 1-1 weekend performance at Truman State.

Missouri Southern swept Washburn (8-11 overall, 1-8 MIAA) 3-0, before falling to Truman (23-11 overall, 10-2 MIAA) 2-3.

"We're playing pretty well," head volleyball coach Debbie Traywick said. "We won five games in a row before losing to Truman. We've pretty much been on a roll since the game against Henderson State."

Traywick said even though her team lost to Truman, she was pleased with its performance. The Lady Lions lost 8-15, 15-11, 16-18, 15-5, 5-15.

"It was a great match; game three

lasted for over two hours," Traywick said. "We were down 14-7 and came back. It would have been nice to have won. But it felt good to come back."

Tuesday night, the Lady Lion charge was led by junior hitter Stephanie Gockley with 16 kills. More offense came from senior Neely Burkhardt (13 kills) and freshman Meredith Hyde (12 kills).

The Lady Lions came out strong in game one, winning 15-8 before dropping game two, 8-15. Southern won games three and four 15-7, 15-7. "We really dominated the first game," Traywick said. "We had more hitting errors in the second game than in the other three. We were fortunate to be able to stick it out and win even though we didn't play well."

Southern will be at home tonight against Emporia State (19-10 overall, 9-3 MIAA).

"They are a very good, athletic team," she said. "If we play like we did Tuesday, we are going to get beat fast." □



“At one point in my freshman year I actually quit.”

UNEXPECTED LEADER

Blacketer cites friend, team as reasons to stay at Southern

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

I almost wasn't to be. Sophomore Sonia Blacketer, who recently placed second at the MIAA cross country meet, almost didn't run. "We didn't even have cross country at my high school," she said. "I ran track, but running cross country didn't even sound like fun to me. Who would have guessed that I would be here now?" Blacketer, an elementary education major, chose Southern not for its outstanding track and field program, but rather simply because it was close to Seneca, her home. "I just didn't want to go very far," she said. "Running was a secondary consideration. I'm glad I did, though."

Patty Vavra, women's cross country coach, said she was glad, too. "Sonia has run well all year," she said. "She has been a team leader and pushed the other girls to do better. She is a real asset to this team."

Blacketer said she appreciated being thought of as a leader, but knows she did not get where she is alone. "I really had a hard time adjusting to running cross country in college," she said. "At one point in my freshman year I actually quit. I told Coach that I had had it and that I quit."

Enter Amanda Harrison. Harrison, Blacketer said, is a major reason

she is still running. "I don't know what I would do without Amanda," Blacketer said. "We train everyday together. We push each other to do better, and she is really the reason I am still here."

"It's really not a competition-type thing with her. It is really more like we are each other's support group. If she's having a bad day, I pick her up, and if I'm having a bad day she is there for me."

Vavra said she appreciated the two runners' leadership. "Amanda and Sonia go out and set the pace for practice," she said. "They not only push each other, but they push the whole team."

With the cross country season now coming to an end, Blacketer has set her sights on the indoor track season. "I came close to going to nationals in the 5,000-meter last year, so I am hoping to go this year," she said. "It is all going to depend on how hard I work over Christmas, so that's what I am going to do."

When Blacketer came to Southern, cross country was not in the picture. It has, however, been good to her, and she said she is glad she chose to run. "I love running and I'm glad I didn't quit," Blacketer said. "People ask me why I would want to go out and run 3.1 miles, but they just don't understand. "I really, really love it."



JOHN SMITH/The Chart
Sonia Blacketer just missed qualifying for the national meet in the 5,000-meter last spring, now she has her mind set on going.

CROSS COUNTRY

Southern runners shine at conference championship

Upperclassmen set the pace as teams prepare for regionals

By JASON OWEN
SPORTS EDITOR

The MIAA cross country conference meet at Truman State University last weekend saw strong individual performances from both Southern's cross country teams. "Our upperclassmen did very well Saturday," said Tom Rutledge, head men's cross

country coach. "Jon Wilks finished fifth and set up himself in a great position to have a shot at the national competition. Josh Rogers also ran well, finishing 23rd, and could see the national competition as well."

Rutledge said the conference meet was a test, and it tested no one more than sophomore Dusty Franks. "I think Dusty had a better race than anybody. He really isn't a cross country runner, he's really a half-miler."

"So the way he gutted it out, running the race he did, and finishing 30th is great."

With a seventh-place conference finish, it might seem difficult to find a bright spot. Rutledge, however, sees many. "Our freshmen went out and gave it their all," he said. "Why more can you ask for? Every one of our freshmen are bright spots. We started with 10 and we ended with 10."

"Nobody quit and nobody ever even complained. I'm really very proud of each and every one of these guys."

Rutledge said that while disappointment was running high there was no reason for it. "Of course we're disappointed,"

he said. "Competitors always want to do better, and every guy on this team is a competitor."

"We have to keep this in focus though. We lost our No. 4 guy, Brian Hill, early in the season. In this conference the loss of one guy can just about kill you. We just have to realize that we did the best we could."

The women's side was much the same story. With strong individual performances from several upperclassmen, a fifth-place finish might seem to be a disappointment.

"We ran well as a team," said Patty Vavra, head women's cross

country coach. "Our freshmen gave it everything they had, but they are freshmen. It's just hard to bring freshmen along as fast as we needed them."

With such a young team, however, the future would seem to be bright. "If we can keep our freshmen around and keep them from getting too frustrated, we could see really big things from them," Vavra said.

Big things will be expected from the younger runners, but for now the best seems to be coming from sophomore Sonia Blacketer.

"Sonia really ran extremely well," Vavra said. "She led for most of the race, and if you take away the last hundred yards, she's the top runner in our conference. Still, second place is nothing to be ashamed of."

"Sonia has run well all year, and this is no different. If she can just keep it up, she should have no problem making it to the national meet."

Both Southern cross country teams will be in action on Saturday, Nov. 9 at the regional meet at Central Missouri State University.

Southern Scoreboard

The scores, stats, and numbers every Lions fan should know.

FOOTBALL

MIAA Standings		
	Overall W-L	Conf W-L
1 NW Missouri (3)	8-0	5-0
2 Pittsburg State	5-2	5-1
3 Missouri Southern	5-2	4-2
4 Washburn	4-3	4-2
5 Emporia State	4-4	4-2
6 Truman State	4-4	4-2
7 Missouri Western	4-4	2-4
8 Central Missouri	3-5	1-5
9 Missouri-Rolla	2-6	0-6
10 Southwest Baptist	0-7	0-6

NCAA Division II Top 20 Poll

SCHOOL	RECORD
1 Valdosta State (Ga.)	(8-0)
2 Texas A&M Kingsville	(5-2)
3 Northwest Missouri State	(8-0)
4 Ferris State (Mich.)	(7-1)
5 Nebraska-Omaha	(7-1)
6 Carson-Newman (Tenn.)	(7-1)
7 Indiana (Pa.)	(6-1)
8 Chadron State	(8-0)
9 Calamba (N.C.)	(7-1)
10 Clarion (Pa.)	(7-1)
11 South Dakota State	(6-2)
12 UC Davis	(4-3)
13 Saginaw Valley State (Mich.)	(6-1)
14 Angelo State (Texas)	(6-1)
15 North Alabama	(5-3)
16 Pittsburg State	(5-2)
17 North Carolina Central	(7-2)
18 West Chester (Pa.)	(5-2)
19 Missouri Southern State	(5-2)
20 Central Oklahoma	(5-2)

MIAA Regional Rankings

MIDWEST REGION	
1 Northwest Missouri State	
2 Nebraska-Omaha	
3 South Dakota State	
4 Pittsburg State	
5 Missouri Southern State	
6 South Dakota	

VOLLEYBALL

MIAA Standings		
	Overall W-L	Conf W-L
1 Central Missouri (1)	27-1	12-0

Overall W-L	Conf W-L
2 Truman State	23-11 10-2
3 Emporia State	19-10 9-3
4 Missouri Southern	14-9 8-4
5 Northwest Missouri	17-12 5-7
6 Washburn	8-11 4-8
7 Pittsburg State	3-9 6-16
8 Missouri Western	4-9 2-10
9 Southwest Baptist	7-12 1-11

LADY LION RESULTS

Missouri Southern 3, Southern Baptist 0
Missouri Southern 3, Washburn 0
Missouri Southern 2, Truman State 3

FRIDAY'S GAMES

Missouri Southern vs. Northwest Missouri
Missouri Southern vs. Washburn

SATURDAY'S GAMES

Missouri Southern vs. Central Missouri
Missouri Southern vs. Truman State

Overall W-L	Conf W-L
1 Central Missouri (1)	27-1 12-0

MIAA Schedule

WEDNESDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Truman State vs. Fort Lewis (Colo.)	6:00 p.m.
Central Missouri vs. Northwest Missouri	7:00 p.m.
THURSDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Missouri Southern @ Southern Nazarene (Okla.)	7:00 p.m.
FRIDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Southwest Baptist @ Drury (Mo.)	7:00 p.m.
SATURDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Truman State vs. Fort Lewis (Colo.)	6:00 p.m.
Central Missouri vs. Northwest Missouri	7:00 p.m.
SUNDAY'S SCHEDULE	
Missouri Southern vs. Emporia State	1:00 p.m.
Missouri Southern vs. Washburn	2:00 p.m.

This Week

Soccer	Volleyball	Volleyball	Volleyball	Football
Thursday — Southern at Southern Nazarene (Okla.), 5:00 p.m., TBA	Thursday — Southern vs. Emporia State, Young Gymnasium, 7:00 p.m.	Friday — Southern at Drury Invitational, Drury (Mo.), TBA	Saturday — Southern at Drury Invitational, Drury (Mo.), TBA	Saturday — Southern at Truman State University, in Kirksville, 1:00 p.m.

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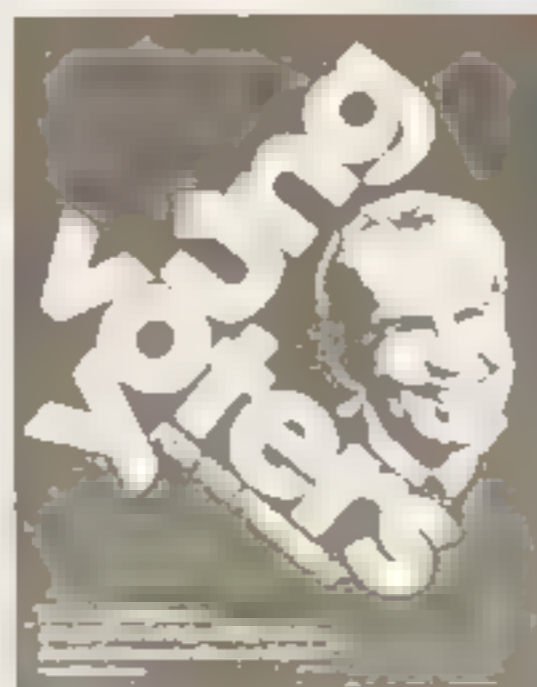
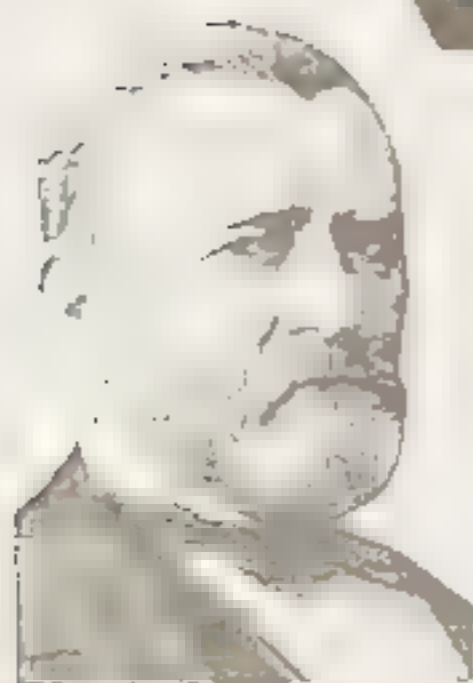
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VOICESEveryone thank
H.S. Thompson

Little did I know picking up Hunter S. Thompson's "Fear and Loathing in Las Vegas" would send me spiraling into a vast suckhole most of America calls politics.

Simply because the book had nothing to do with politics, except for a small mention of Thompson attending an

attorney general's conference on drug abuse while mind-numbingly stoned, is no reason to suspect that I'm some sort of freak.

It's better than any soap opera on any television in the known universe and it's stranger than anything Danielle

Steele and Kurt Vonnegut's lovechild could ever invent. It's America at its finest and its worst. While many are tiring of the drudgery of midday trash television, this is something they could sink their teeth into with glee and jubilation.

I've met some pretty intriguing people in my exploration and backflip into the realm of politics. I've shaken hands with three presidents. I've met numerous people who've actually had their names attached to a ballot with the words "President of the United States" in the space where "office sought" goes. Kooky creatures every single one of them; some less kooky, but genuinely bonkers, the whole lot.

More impressive though is the media pack that hovers, hounds, and pants all over anyone who wants to be a "professional politician."

I think Thompson was on the right track — somewhere on that track he was seriously maimed by a runaway freight train — but thankfully, he wrote down the directions to the tracks for generations to come.

Up until Thompson came along it was a writer's dirty little secret what went on up until the campaign stop. Thompson made that trip the real story and in effect made campaigns bigger than the candidates.

Thompson changed the face of American politics and literature, all under the influence of some heavy narcotics. And they call the Libertarians crazed. □



J.L. Griffin
Executive Editor

GOVERNOR

Carnahan shoots for 2nd term

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Running for president against Bill Clinton may be easier than running for governor against Mel Carnahan.

Republican challenger Margaret Kelly is lengths behind the incumbent Carnahan, but has no fear of losing her second place standing from Libertarian candidate J. Mark Oglesby. The race for fourth seems to be the one to watch, although it's likely no one will.

Carnahan has distanced himself from his competitors when it comes to campaign funds.

Kelly started her television blitz against Carnahan earlier than most Missouri political campaigns. Oglesby is still a part of a fledgling party that is beginning to pick up momentum and members.

This will be Carnahan's second term as governor of Missouri, after serving in the state House of Representatives as state treasurer and lieutenant governor.

A lawyer by trade, he has also been a municipal judge in Rolla.

Carnahan hasn't had an unscathed political career. He suffered a loss in a state senatorial race in his Rolla district. He also failed to capture the governor's office in 1981 when he lost in the primary to Kenneth Rothman.



Carnahan



Oglesby

Carnahan has a bachelor's degree in business administration and a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia.

One of the accomplishments Carnahan is most proud of during his tenure in the governor's office has been the initiation of Missouri's Outstanding Schools Act of 1993.

The law has changed the funding formula for schools and instituted major reforms, according to Carnahan. Carnahan and his wife, Jean, have four children. His late father, A.S.J. Carnahan, was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives.

Kelly's political life began in 1984 when she was elected as the state's first female executive branch member as state auditor. She has been the state auditor since then.

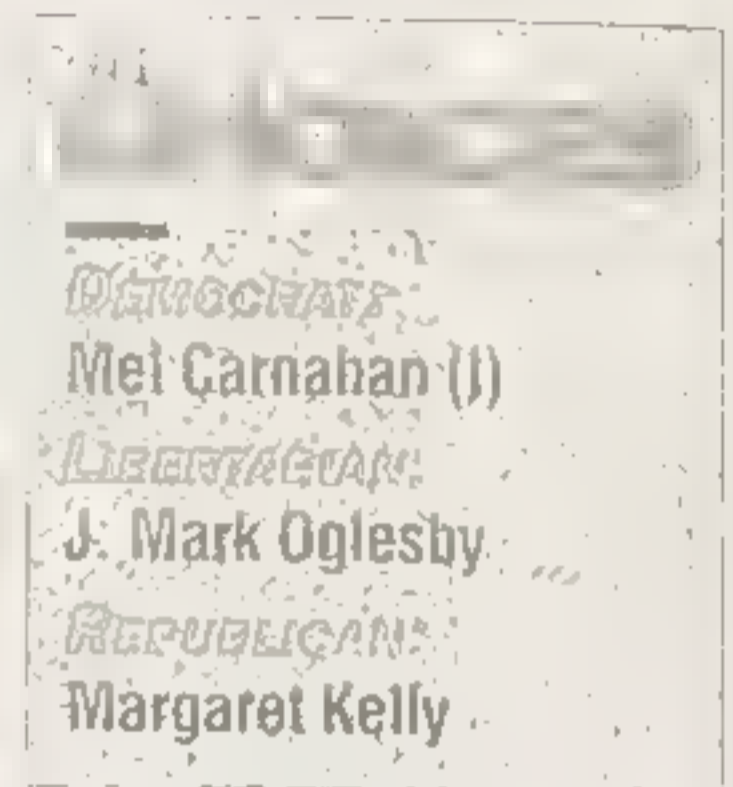
In 1992 she ran for the lieutenant governor's race and lost to current lieutenant governor Roger Wilson.

Kelly, who is a certified public accountant, has worked for accounting firms in Columbia, Springfield and Jefferson City. She is currently vice president of the National Association of State Auditors, Comptrollers, and Treasurers, and has been the president of the National State Auditors Association.

Kelly received a master's degree in business administration from Southwest Missouri State University. Prior to her stint at SMSU, Kelly graduated with a bachelor's degree in business administration from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She has also been awarded an



Kelly



honorary doctorate degree in business administration from Southwest Baptist University.

In 1990, *Financial World* magazine listed Missouri as the seventh most efficiently run state.

Kelly said the magazine listed her as a major factor for that distinction.

She and her husband William have three

Oglesby is a Springfield accountant with previous political experience. Oglesby, along with all Libertarians, believes the government is taxing the citizenry too much.

And the money spent from the taxes is wasted on the war against drugs, public education, health care, and other government subsidized programs.

Oglesby attended Draughon Business College of Springfield in the early 1970s. He was born in Springfield and has resided there since.

Oglesby, who is divorced, has one son. □

LIEUTENANT GOVERNOR

Race worries Democrats

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

One of the campaigns worrying state Democrats this year is the lieutenant governor's race.

Current Lt. Gov. Roger Wilson, a Democrat, is behind his Republican challenger Bill Kenney in fund-raising, according to state Democrat insiders. Kenney has been visiting schools and colleges throughout the state trying to garner the youth vote.

However, just as Democrats are worried about Wilson's fund-raising abilities, Kenney's handlers are worried about his inexperience as a campaigner.

Wilson is looking for a second term as lieutenant governor. After more than a decade in the Missouri Senate, Wilson ran against current State Auditor Margaret Kelly in 1992 for the seat and won.

Wilson is from Columbia and served as Boone County Collector before entering state politics in 1979. He is also a former elementary school administrator.

Wilson has coined the term "3 E's" for this campaign. They refer to his dedication to Education in early childhood, Economic development, and Elderly advocacy, according to Wilson's campaign literature.

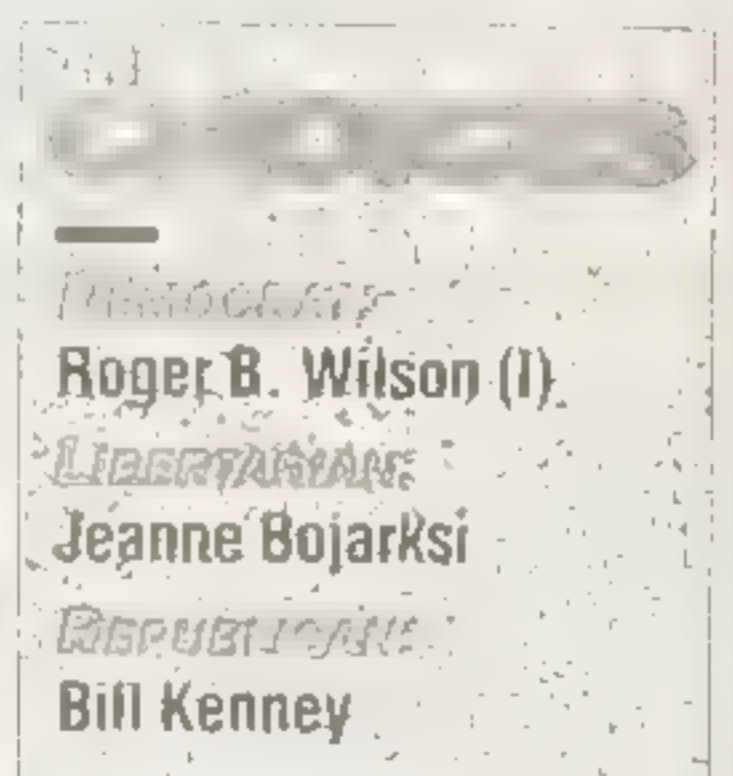
Wilson and his wife, Pat, have a daughter and son and reside in Columbia.



Wilson



Kenney



Kenney, who may be best known as the former quarterback for the Kansas City Chiefs, has been through two years of legislative activity as a state senator from Lee's Summit.

129TH DISTRICT

Surface defends 6-term seat

Democrat St. Clair aims for Jasper, Newton post in general election

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Missouri's 129th District seat which consists of part of Jasper and Newton counties is being sought by Republican incumbent Chuck Surface and Democratic contender Annetta St. Clair in Tuesday's general election.

Surface, 52, Joplin, was first elected to the House in 1981 and has served six terms in the Legislature.

Surface sits in the top 15 percent of the House in seniority and ranks sixth in seniority in the Republican caucus. He has served on the Joplin Zoning and Planning Commission

for four years, acting as chairman for one year. He has spent more than two years on the Joplin City Council and has also been a chairman on the Review of Legal Department for the

On the state level Surface has served on various committees including accounts operations and finance, banks and financial institutions, federal state relations and veterans affairs, and insurance. He also serves as Missouri State Vice-Chairman for the American Legislative Exchange Council.

Surface said he is concerned about such issues as taxes, the economy, and workers' compensation. The life-long resident of Jasper County received a bachelor of science degree in marketing and management from Missouri Southern.

St. Clair, 58, Joplin, has been a professor of political science at Missouri Southern for 32 years. St. Clair said one of her goals



St. Clair

LEGISLATOR
Annetta St. Clair
REPUBLICAN
Chuck Surface (D)

is to make Southwest Missouri a part of the state of Missouri giving residents in this region an active voice.

The life-long community resident believes in the power of "hard work," while taking a common sense approach to government.

St. Clair's key campaign agenda is to find a solution to the Medicare / Medicaid problem while taking a special interest in protecting senior citizens and children.

St. Clair said she is not owned by special interest groups. □



Surface

126TH DISTRICT

Democrat Sprenkle contends incumbent

Republican Hohulin says farming background key in serving the people

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

Democratic candidate Paul Sprenkle is the only contender seeking the office of Missouri's 126th District seat currently held by incumbent Martin "Bubs" Hohulin, 32, (R-Lamar), who is also seeking reelection in Tuesday's general election.

Hohulin was first elected to the House in 1990.

The Republican has held posts on various house committees including agribusiness, appropriations, health and mental health, banks and financial institutions, consumer protection, and labor.

He is also a member of the Lamar Metro Club, the National Rifle Association, Barton County Pork Producers, Cattlemen's Association, Farm Bureau, and the Missouri Young Farmers.

Hohulin said his purpose for seeking reelection is that the people need to shrink government both the state and federal



Hohulin

CHOICES
DEMOCRAT
Paul Sprenkle
REPUBLICAN
Martin (Bubs) Hohulin (D)

levels. He also said being a farmer gives him an added advantage for serving the people in his district.

He said he thinks he has a proven fiscal record.

Sprenkle, 47, (D) Sheldon, has been a classroom teacher at Sheldon High School for the past 20 years where he has specialized in art and Spanish education.

He has also served as the technology director at Sheldon High School, besides other duties.

The Democrat said he thinks his training in various areas qualifies him for the post.

"I have a vast work experience in education, 25 years as a business owner, experience in banking, insurance, and farming," he said.

"My background and experi-



Sprenkle

I have seen what it [Senate Bill 380] has provided first-hand for our children. Because of this act, funding has been equalized for rural education.

Paul Sprenkle
Democratic candidate

ence give me a broad base of knowledge to be a representative of all the people of the 126th District."

Sprenkle said Senate Bill 380, the Outstanding Schools Act of 1993, is one of the most pressing issues facing his district's office.

"I have seen what it has provided first hand to our children," he said. "Because

THE

A vote for fewer jobs, higher tax

On Nov. 5, Missouri residents will have the opportunity to vote for increasing taxes and cutting the number of jobs available right here in the Joplin area. The issue on the ballot is called Proposition A and, frankly, it sounds great until you know what it really is.

Proposition A seeks to raise Missouri's minimum wage to \$6.25 per hour in 1997, \$6.50 per hour in 1998, \$6.75 in 1999 and then an additional 15¢ per hour each year after that, forever.

This is not the Federal minimum wage. That has already been passed and started Oct. 1.

What Proposition A does is raise our standard minimum wage far above the Federal wage. In fact, Missouri will have the highest minimum wage in the country and the only one that increases each year. Now that doesn't sound like such a bad idea, but here's what Proposition A will really do, unless we vote "NO."

The supporters of Proposition A say it will help the working poor. It won't help them. In fact, the working poor will be the very first ones to lose their jobs as businesses try to adjust to the higher wages. The other people to be cut will be high school and college students. In fact, the great majority of people on minimum wage are between the ages of 15 and 24. They are students earning extra money and gaining the skills to get better paying jobs. So, the working poor, students, minorities, and other who take entry-level jobs to gain experience to move onto better jobs won't be able to find the very jobs they need...if we don't say "NO."

■ Unemployment in the Joplin metropolitan area will increase by 14 percent in the first year, with continuing unemployment increases each year.

■ 70,000 people will lose their jobs statewide in the first three years. Within 10 years, 250,000 people will be



Rob O'Brian
President Joplin
Area Chamber
of Commerce

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O'BRIAN, page 7B

THE VOICES

GOP childhood
out door in '96

Throughout my childhood I was raised to believe in the Republican way of thinking. But now seven months after my 21st birthday, and just six days before my first presidential election, I am now beginning to reevaluate the GOP ballot.

Why?

Maybe it is because this is the first election where my vote will have a say in who leads this country.

Maybe because I can vote in this year's election, my eyes and ears have been more in tune with the parties' campaigns and with



Rick Rogers
Editor-in-Chief

the two main national debates.

Maybe these types of choices come with age and maturity. OK, maybe just age.

But my grandparents are Republicans, were raised to be Republicans, and will leave this great nation as Republicans.

Just two days ago, when my grandfather heard I was going to vote for the Democratic ticket, he snarled in disbelief, saying Clinton is "a draft dodger and dirty." And I respect his opinion but I do disagree. In both major elections on the national and state level, I am going to vote Democratic, and that is not an easy thing to tell my grandfather.

First, Republican presidential candidate Bob Dole is not the man to bring this country into the next century. Even though I agree that age does bring wisdom, I think this term is not relevant to the 1996 GOP frontman.

The Dole-Jack Kemp ticket has not, and will not, prove why the voters should show incumbent Democratic presidential candidate Bill Clinton the exit door.

Has Clinton done anything worthy of not serving a second term in office?

No.

Has Clinton accomplished deeds worthy of serving a second term in office?

I feel the jury still could be out on this case. But nonetheless, Clinton deserves a second term.

As for Missouri's incumbent Gov. Mel Carnahan, the decision is easy — don't vote for Margaret Kelly. □

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By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

When Nov. 5 rolls around either President Bill Clinton or Republican challenger Bob Dole will have something in common with former presidents John Adams and William McKinley.

One of them will be the first president of a new century. And he will also be the first president to start a new millennium.

No one seems to be doubting the fact that this year's presidential election will be dominated by just two candidates.

That's the way it's been for decades. Rarely does a third party show any promise of making a significant impact. However, 1992 was different.

In 1992, Texas billionaire H. Ross Perot mounted a campaign focusing on the shaky economy at the time. Between pulling in and out of the race, Perot maintained a fairly strong support constituency.

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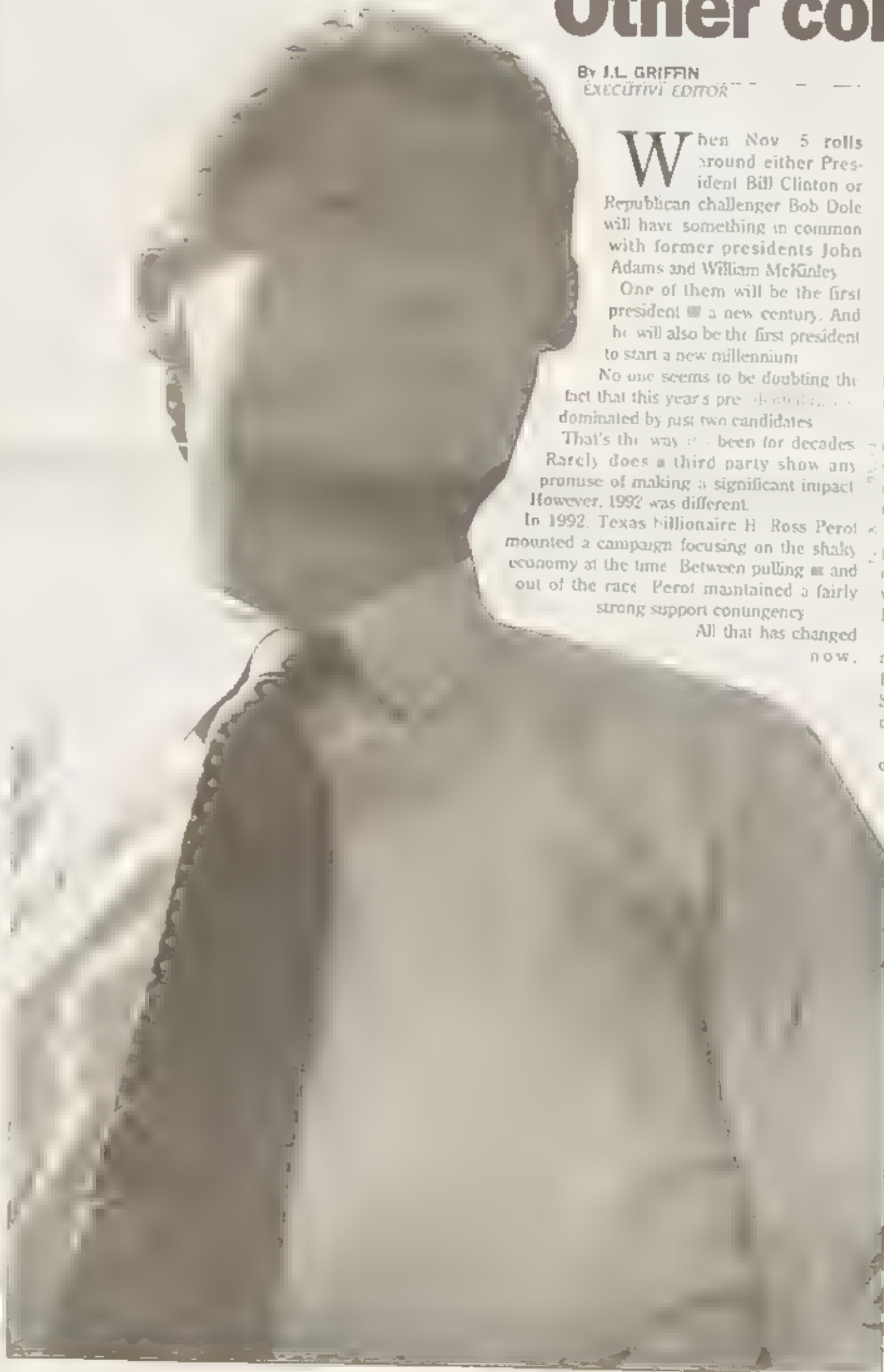
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Clinton leads the pack of hopefuls
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challengers like Pat Buchanan and
and including U.S. Taxpayers' pre-
late Howard Phillips.

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up to the namesake of the party,
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will tell if they have staying power.
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stone for conservative Republican
nan to start a new party.

neither Clinton, Dole, nor Perot
the mistake of associating their
s with the three lesser-knowns.
has violated the golden rule of
ampaigning, which is to ignore

not being bothered. Clinton will likely recapture
the White House if Dole's campaign can't give the
American public a reason why they shouldn't vote
Clinton back in.

In his first term as president, Clinton has passed
many initiatives including the Americorps pro-
gram and Welfare reform. He battled the
Republican-controlled Congress to pass this year's
federal budget.

Although lacking many liberal issues during his
first years, Clinton of late has taken some very
moderate and somewhat conservative stances on
issues. His "Don't ask, don't tell" military policy
outraged many gay right groups. His stance
against same-sex marriages further distanced
himself from the favor of gay groups.

Dole and his Republican campaign don't have to
worry about upsetting the gay rights organiza-
tions because it has been taken for granted the
party's position on such issues. However, many
campaign organizers in the Republican Party have
tried pointing out minorities and other groups
that it is the party of inclusion.

Republican National Convention organizers
made a point to show diverse crowds at this past
year's convention in San Diego.

Dole himself has been hounded the entire elec-
tion cycle by questions of his age and has just
recently started using the character issue in his
campaign commercials.

Dole was a U.S. senator for decades before retir-
ing this summer to pursue the presidency. He was
known throughout the beltway as a great media-
tor and compromiser. He has campaigned against
big federal government and also wants to elimi-
nate or downsize the U.S. Department of Education.

Perot's candidacy never really got off the ground
this year because the economy has not been the
focal point of this election. Recently some Dole
handlers spoke with Perot about dropping out and
shifting support to the Republican side. So far
Perot has decided not to drop from the race.

Perot made his billions in the electronics indus-
try as it grew steadily over the years.

Some experts believe this year's race is less
about running for the presidency in 1996 than it is
for who will be president-elect in the year 2000.

Jack Kemp's running mate position electrified
the Republican ticket and vice president Al Gore's
performance in his debate with Kemp ensured
strong support for him if he chooses to run in
2000.

The jury is still out on whether Kemp will
attempt a run at the presidency in 2000 as well.

Gen. Colin Powell's performance at the RNC
gave many the impression of a run possibility in
2000 on the GOP ticket. Key speeches from
Wisconsin Gov. Tommy Thompson, former South
Carolina Gov. Carol Campbell, and Arizona Sen.
John McCain at the RNC also put their faces in

CHOICES

DEMOCRAT:
Bill Clinton-Al Gore

LIBERTARIAN:
Harry Browne-Jø Jorgensen

REFORM:
Ross Perot-James Campbell

REPUBLICAN:
Bob Dole-Jack Kemp

U.S. TAXPAYERS:
Howard Phillips-
Herbert Titus

NATURAL LAWS:
John Hagelin-Mike Tompkins

front of a national audience. Also seeing House
Speaker Newt Gingrich announce his candidacy
would not be totally unbelievable.

Gore's competition for the White House in 2000
has been a little less vocal. Yet, Indiana Gov. Evan
Bayh's keynote address to the Democratic
National Convention in August could help propel
him into the White House as Clinton's 1988 DNC
keynote speech did.

Also Missouri's own Richard Gephardt, a con-
gressman from St. Louis, ran against Gore before
in 1988 only to have both lose to Michael
Dukakis. Gephardt is currently the House minori-
ty leader.

Sen. Christopher Dodd of Connecticut and also
Senate minority leader, was one of the top hatchet
men the Democrats planted in San Diego during
the RNC. He has made little effort to disguise his
ambitions to be president.

Even though some believe politicians who align
themselves with Perot, virtually seal their political
fate, Pat Choate, Perot's official running mate, is
one of the most eloquent of any candidate on the
stump this season. Dick Lamm, the other Reform
Party presidential candidate, may make a come-
back in 2000, if Perot decides if someone else
lead his cause the next cycle.

Nonetheless, it would be easy to assume one of
the above will be the second president of the 21st
century. □

THE VOICES

Dole is beacon in dark picture

When most people hear my
name, they think, "conserva-
tive Republican," "GOP girl,"
"elephant collector." As you might have
guessed, I am involved with the
College Republicans and there is never
a conversation I miss about
"Republican"

views, especial-
ly with a
Democrat. It's
easy for me to
choose which
side to vote for,
but the hard
part is under-
standing why
others don't
see it.



Kim Jones
President,
College
Republicans

On one side,
we have a liber-
al who believes
the govern-
ment is the
solution to all
problems, and

support his agendas he gave the
American citizens the highest tax
increase in history while calling it a tax
cut. And just by examining his cam-
paign methods, he demonstrates his
lack of character by preying on the
fears of the elderly concerning the
Medicare issue. But fear not, there is a
beacon of light in this present time of
darkness.

Bob Dole and the Republican party
represents a stability which our coun-
try needs to bring us back out of the
darkness and set us back on the right
track. Instead of the highest tax
increase, Dole will offer the American
citizens a 15 percent tax decrease.

He also strongly favors less federal
government and more power back to
the states. The important issues don't
concern money, unlike what the other
side believes in, but the heart of the
Republican agenda lies with the moral
fabric of family. Unlike what the polls
might say, the younger generation are
not free-minded liberals, but are con-
cerned with family values.

Just by looking at Missouri
Southern's voter registration turnout,
one can see the younger generation is
becoming more involved and con-
cerned about issues pertaining to the
long-term outcome of this country.
Given the facts, the choice is now
yours. Besides, elephants have a better
memory and they aren't as stubborn as
donkeys. □

THE
VOICESWe only want
our liberty back

When people find out I am a Libertarian, the first thing they usually ask me is, "What is a Libertarian?"

Most people don't know where the Libertarian party stands on the issues,



**Michael
Munster**
Libertarian

or they believe we are drug users who want to legalize marijuana. Drug legalization isn't the only issue on the Libertarian platform.

Being Libertarian means standing for less government and more freedom for people.

We feel that a person should be able to do what they please as long as it is peaceful.

In other words, we believe a person may choose the way they want to live as long as it does not forcibly interfere with another person's right to choose how they want to live.

For instance, we support the legalization of drugs, prostitution, and gambling.

We also believe in freedom of speech and the right to own firearms. Libertarians also support free enterprise and trade. The government causes prices to rise by its numerous regulations.

In foreign policy, we believe the government should remain out of other countries' business. We also support open immigration and oppose income taxes.

Harry Browne, Libertarian candidate for president and the author of *Why Government Doesn't Work*, is making the abolition of the income tax a key part of his platform.

I believe people need to hear more about the Libertarian Party.

When I came here to Missouri Southern, I was a Democrat, but I began to look more into the party and started to realize I supported my opinions more than the other two parties.

College students need to find out more about third parties.

It may spark their interest in politics if they know there are other choices besides Democrats and Republicans. □

SECRETARY OF STATE

Drama heats up 3-way race

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

After becoming one of the most sensationalized offices under the direction of Judi Moriarty, the secretary of state's office race has become one of the most heated.

Appointed secretary of state Rebecca Cook took over the office after Moriarty was impeached in 1994.

Gov. Mel Carnahan appointed Cook, who had not held public office previously.

Cook, from Cape Girardeau, had recently left her law practice to devote more time to her family when asked to become secretary of state.

When she took over the office, Cook, a Democrat, promised to "bring dignity, confidence, and professionalism to the secretary of state's office."

Cook instituted the lottery format for ballot positioning last year.

Previous to the system, people would wait for weeks to have their names first on the ballot.

Cook's system got rid of the lines and the



Hancock



Higgins

cost it took to monitor them.

Cook holds a law degree from the University of Missouri-Columbia. She and her husband John have two children.

Republican contender John Hancock is no stranger to the political process. Hancock had served as a two-term representative before turning his sights on the secretary of state's office in 1992 and losing narrowly to Moriarty.

Hancock is also taking advantage of the Moriarty fiasco by campaigning about honesty and integrity in the office.

"Free and fair elections are the cornerstone of Democracy," Hancock says in his campaign literature. "I intend to restore honesty and integrity to the Secretary of State's office."

One of the topics Hancock's campaign hits on is the prospect of placing a taxpayer impact statement at the bottom of every ballot issue.

He is also seeking to eliminate all special election dates on the basis of taxpayer cost. Hancock holds a master's degree in public policy from Rutgers University. He and his wife, Georgann, live in St. Louis with their son John, Jr.

The Libertarian candidate for secretary of state, unlike Hancock, has something



Cook

THE
CHOICES

DEMOCRAT

Rebecca McDowell Cook (I)

LIBERTARIAN

LaDonna Higgins

REPUBLICAN

John Hancock

very key in common with the incumbent Cook — she hasn't run a campaign before.

LaDonna Higgins is a St. Louisan who works for McDonnell Douglas.

Her campaign platform seems to center around the election process itself.

If elected, Higgins would also seek to eliminate special elections because of the cost, but is also in favor of placing a "None of the Above" option on the ballot. Also, if the NOTA option receives the most votes, Higgins said a new election with new candidates would be called for.

Higgins and her husband Jim have two daughters.

She holds a degree in mathematics from Northeast Missouri State University. □

SEVENTH DISTRICT

Three contenders vie for vacant seat

By RICK ROGERS
EDITOR-IN-CHIEF

A seat once held by Republican Mel Hancock in Missouri's Seventh District is being sought by three main contenders in the Tuesday, Nov. 5, general election.

Hancock, who is currently serving out his fifth term as representative, has held the seat since first being elected in 1988. Republicans have occupied the seat since 1961.

Contenders include Democrat Ruth Bamberger, chairman of the history and political science department of Drury College, Springfield; Republican Roy Blunt, who, for the past three years, has served as president of Southwest Baptist University, Bolivar; and Libertarian Mike Harman, a Dunnegan businessman.

One aspect of Bamberger's campaign is community involvement. The democrat is involved in the League of Women's

Voters, the Sierra Club, and several other community groups in Springfield-Greene County. She has also been a central figure in Common Cause, a nonpartisan and nonprofit national organization that seeks to reform campaign finance laws and find solutions in reducing the impact of money on political campaigns.

Bamberger has served as a member of the National Governing Board (1986-1992), Chair of the Missouri Governing Board (1982-1985), and Seventh District Coordinator (1977-1980).

Bamberger said she wants to ensure the solvency of many "family-oriented" programs, such as Medicare. She favors a balanced budget, but disagrees with the opinion that government should have the disci-



Harman



Blunt

THE
CHOICES

DEMOCRAT

Ruth Bamberger

LIBERTARIAN

Mike Harman

REPUBLICAN

Roy Blunt

pline to make key decisions.

Blunt, a native of Southwest Missouri, has served two terms as Missouri's Secretary of State. He was reelected to that statewide office in 1988 with more than 60-percent of the vote carrying 107 of the state's 114 counties.

TREASURER

Incumbent Holden leads race

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

State Treasurer Bob Holden may have the easiest time convincing voters he's been doing a fine job at his office.

The last four years under Holden has seen a lot of money come and go with the use tax repeal and subsequent tax hikes. One thing Holden can campaign on, and all sides will agree, is that he's been busy.

Missouri is now ranked in the top five of best managed states by *Financial World* magazine, and those in the executive branches are taking credit for that ranking.

Holden was first indoctrinated into the world of state politics as a representative from Springfield in 1982 and served three terms. He sponsored the Excellence in

JASPER COUNTY COMMISSIONER



Bearden

Education Act as a legislator.

Holden received a degree in political science from Southwest Missouri State University and is a graduate of Harvard University's Kennedy School of Government for Public Executives.

Holden manages the state's \$2 billion investment portfolio as part of his job as treasurer.

He and his wife, Lori, have two sons.

Holden's main competitor is Republican Carl Bearden.

He is a budget officer at a small St. Charles defense contractor company, Westar Corp.

Bearden is also the president of the St. Charles County Council.

The Republican contender is for the rainy day fund.

His platform, he says, demonstrates his devotion to frugality.

Bearden graduated from Southern Illinois University at Carbondale with a bachelor of science degree. After serving in the Air Force, he began his county political career.

THE CHOICES

DEMOCRAT
Bob Holden (I)

LIBERTARIAN
Jacques Tucker

REPUBLICAN
Carl L. Bearden

He and his wife, Debbie, reside in St. Charles and have two daughters.

Kansas City accountant Jacques Tucker is the Libertarian candidate for state treasurer.

Tucker is a graduate of Florida State University and has served on the Hickman Mills School Board. □

THE VOICES

I'll decide your future for you

To American political scientists, presidential elections are better than Super Bowls. The contest lasts much longer, sometimes years. The results linger, not easily forgotten in a few days. And, what's at stake is far more than a mere game.

Even the approach to the two are different. Super Bowl means parties, refreshment, food, and fun. Election Night, on the other hand, demands that you approach with a mixture of awe and anxiety. I have long believed that it takes a stout heart to actually watch a presidential campaign. It can be disconcerting to realize that the candidate whom you are convinced will ruin the nation might actually win. Watching the disaster unfold over the course of a campaign is a form of slow torture.

For its thrills and chills, I like the American electoral process and our Constitutional institutions. Moreover, I believe in the wisdom of the framers of our Constitution who established for us a republic. I have such a respect for the handiwork of James Madison, and his kind, that I am irritated by the tiresome, and predictable complaints of those who have never bothered to reflect on the nature of our federalist nation.

Perhaps no phrase so enrages me as the trite claim of a "right to vote." Invariably, some misguided soul claims to have been denied his or her right to vote because Ross Perot wasn't featured on the Presidential debates, or he or she has been blocked from voting in both party primaries. Little thought is given to the fact that voting is not a right. It is not granted by birth or by nature. It is a privilege to citizens and granted only after the qualifications (such as they are) are met. One of the inspiring stories of the American experience is the continual expansion of the invitation to

Tom Simpson
Assistant professor,
political science

Crampton seeks third term at position

By J.L. GRIFFIN
EXECUTIVE EDITOR

Leave it to Jasper County to have the most theoretically lopsided political race this side of the Rio Grande River, where Texas high school teacher Victor Morales is trying to unseat the perennial senator Phil Gramm.

In Jasper County, the role of Morales is played by Libertarian Mark Sanders and current western district commissioner Anna Ruth Crampton is the Gramm character.

Crampton is finishing her second term as commissioner.

She is a lifetime resident of Jasper County, currently residing in Joplin. She was the first woman to hold the commissioner's post.

Her education credentials include St.

John's School of Nursing, Crowder College, Joplin Business College, and Missouri Southern.

A comprehensive land use plan is one of Crampton's key campaign points.

Also, Crampton is trying to get a county-wide health care center approved and built.

Sanders is also a lifelong resident of Jasper County.

Having held no previous political office, Sanders is hoping the commissioner's post will be his first.

He is currently employed at Eagle-Picher in Seneca and holds a bachelor's degree in physics from Southwest Missouri State University.

Sanders is for privatizing schools and keeping the government out of them.

As for crime, Sanders believes decriminalizing many offenses, like prostitution and

THE CHOICES

DEMOCRAT
Anna Ruth Crampton (I)

LIBERTARIAN
Mark Sanders

drugs, is the answer to the crime problem.

"Frankly it's a mess," Sanders said, "a lot of things that are against the law shouldn't be."

Republican eastern commissioner Mike Cloud is running unopposed in this election. □

O'BRIAN: Proposition A will cut number of Joplin jobs

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out of jobs...and the number will keep increasing with each passing year.

State administrative costs will increase by more than \$100,000,000 per year, costs that will have to be picked up by taxpayers. The costs of local government will also go up; guess who gets to pay? (If you don't believe it, read the bottom of the Proposition A ballot, it says so right there.)

Proposition A will keep new companies from coming into Missouri, especially in

border areas like Joplin where they can locate in another state and reach the same market.

Here's a real example. For 18 months we have been working with a New Jersey company, trying to bring it here to Joplin. The company will employ 60 people at the start and grow from there. The company pays well above minimum wage.

In August, the company was ready to move here. Now the company owner says he will wait to see how Missouri voters feel about creating an anti-business climate. If

we don't vote "NO" on Proposition A, this company will go to Kansas.

Finally, in case you may think this is just the pro-business Chamber of Commerce talking, you should know that democratic Gov. Mel Carnahan and every other top state official is opposed to Proposition A. Why, when usually perceived as a friend of labor, would the governor oppose Proposition A? Because he knows that if it passes, it will make his state and ours an economic wasteland of increased prices, increased taxes, and lost jobs. □

JASPER COUNTY SHERIFF

Pierce, Lyster face off in campaign

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Republican incumbent William "Bill" Pierce and democratic challenger Gary Lyster are vying for the Jasper County sheriff seat in the Tuesday's general election.

Pierce, 48, is currently finishing his eighth year as Jasper County sheriff. Pierce, who has lived in Jasper County for 44 years, has been in law enforcement since 1969, including three years with the

Missouri Highway Patrol.

Pierce attends the National Sheriff's Association's training course given each year for sheriffs all over the United States.

The Jasper County sheriff is responsible for a \$2.3 million annual budget and oversees 94 employees and 35 reserve officers.

During Pierce's eight years in office, the county renovated and expanded the jail in 1993. In 1989, he helped to establish the Jasper County Drug Task Force, "one of the best in the state," according to a U.S. attorney.

Upgrading Jasper County's police force has been a concern for Pierce. He has corralled grants which have funded five new officers and overtime pay for various programs.

Lyster, 40, Carl Junction, is a Southwest Missouri native.

He is currently a corporal with the Carl Junction Police Department, where he has served for the past 19 years. He is also employed as a sales representative for Wonder Bread Co.

He graduated from Missouri Southern's

police academy, and has been a member of Teamsters Local 823 for 16 years. He also holds an A rating from the National Rifle Association.

If elected, Lyster said he would attempt to give certain parts of Jasper County added coverage by instituting a zone system. He said the system currently in use is not zoned.

Lyster said the zone system would give rural families an added feeling of safety, and would also provide faster and more efficient emergency response. □

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Blunt has served 12 years as a county official for Springfield-Greene County.

He has served as chairman of the Missouri Housing Development Commission and Governor's Council of Literacy. He also co-chaired the Missouri Opportunity 2000 Commission.

The Republican favors limiting the federal budget and federal regulation. He also supports shifting back to giving states and local governments more of the responsibility for federal programs.

In regard to the Dole-Kemp campaign, Blunt supports the 15-percent tax cut and per-child tax credit, which he said would allow taxpayers to keep their money in their pockets, give the economy punch, and create employment opportunities. Blunt said he opposes any tax increases, but he favors retooling the tax code to a flat-tax that would permit only two deductions, home mortgage interest and charitable contributions.

Harman, who runs a hubcap and wheel store and an auto salvage in Dunnegan, believes in the idea of a "good old-fashioned work ethic."

In the guise of taxes, Harman said bureaucratic waste of personal income continues to reduce the taxpayer to a lower standard of living.

Harman said he is running for a Congress seat because of a deep-seated belief in the integrity of the United States and the freedoms and liberties that its citizens enjoy.

He said his focus would also be to fight for the citizens' "inalienable rights" and restore self-determination to our citizens. He said he would work to reduce the restrictive burdens placed on business and to promote meaningful jobs. □

LT. GOVERNOR: Kenney leads incumbent

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Kenney is a native of California and received his college education at Northern Colorado. He graduated with a bachelor's degree in business management administration. Kenney has been a real estate broker as well as a professional football player.

He believes parents and local school boards should have more say in the education of their children. Kenney and his wife, Sandra, home school their four children.

Kenney also wants to impose stricter penalties on criminals. He said he'd like to see repeat rapists get the death penalty and habitual criminals perform labor while

they're in jail. If Kenney is not elected to the lieutenant governor's office next week, he'll still have his Senate seat.

Another candidate vying for the office is Libertarian Jeanne Bojarski. She ran for the U.S. Senator's seat available in 1992 and received 75,048 votes.

Bojarski has never held a previous political office. By trade, she is the manager of technical communications for a company in Fairway, Kan. Bojarski hopes to reduce taxes and improve education if elected to the office.

Bojarski is the secretary of the Missouri Libertarian Party. She and her husband Grant Stauffer have one child. □

SIMPSON: Stay home, plan your Super Bowl

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political participation which this nation has offered. But with that invitation is the duty of citizenship.

Close on the heels of the "right to vote" crowd are those who insist that it doesn't matter for whom you vote, just as long as you vote. Nonsense! Of course it matters for whom you vote. We are deciding the leadership of the nation. If it doesn't matter, why bother? One of the most sickening spectacles in all of politics is a candidate using his or her last few words

in a speech to encourage the crowd to vote, "even if you're not voting for me... just vote." I would like to make a point to vote against every candidate who uses such a platitude. Unfortunately, since the phrase is locked into the public's expectation for every speech, practically all politicians use it. I call it patronizing, at best, and pandering, at worst.

For years I mistakenly encouraged everybody to register and vote. Then the thought hit me: Do you really want folks who are clueless about the

opportunities and threats facing the nation to have a hand in deciding our choices? I quickly changed my tune. It would take wild elephants to drag from me an encouraging word about registering. I do offer this simple advice: If you are 18 years or older and are not registered to vote, don't. As long as you are not registered, you don't vote. That makes my vote mean more. I like that. So just relax, I'll decide your future for you. In the meantime, plan your Super Bowl party. □

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